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# Bowman seeks Exp

By RANDAL YAKEY

If not planned right, constructing a new \$18 million Novi Expo Center is a bold move that means months of meticulous planning, Novi businessman and President of the Novi Expo Center Blair Bowman said.

But considering its his money on the line, he's willing to take that

Bowman is hoping that Novi City Council and the citizens of Novi. will grant him a tax abatement to help with his venture. He has run the Expo Center for the past nine years and notes he's been a good corporate citizen.

So on Monday, council set the stage for a tax abatement public hearing over the future of the Novi Expo Center. The public hearing is

In the spirit...

set for Monday, December 4. If constructed, the new Novi Expo Center would be one of only a few privately funded exposition centers in the country.

This is a privately held, privately funded program," Bowman said. "I think this is a great mix. This is a way the city of Novi can stay out

But there was opposition to the plan. Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch said that he didn't feel the time was right for the abatement request and that he did not worry about Bowman's charge that he would have to relocate the Expo Center outside of Novi if the abatement is not granted.

"Where is he going to go?" Mutch said. "Novi is a prime location and that is what it is all about. We've had a huge economic expansion

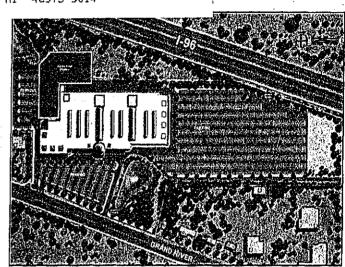
and Grand River has changed over even the past three years."

Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo agreed with Mutch on the timing of the request and charged that the issue was a surprise to council, even though the Novt News reported last spring that the Novi Expo Center would be looking to construct a new facility and could request a tax abatement at some time in the process.

"While this is Mr. Bowman's timeline, this is not our timeline," Lorenzo said. "This is spoon feeding from the staff (administration.) I will not support this. I just don't know what the rush is.'

Lorenzo said she thought it was "poor timing" and that with the holiday season approaching, Lorenzo said that she felt the citizens need-

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A conceptual drawing of the new Expo Center on Grand River

# Sex ed uproar travels to Novi

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

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While the controversy with sex education in Northville Public Schools has ended, a new one in the Novi Public School system may

have just begun.
At the November 16 Board of Education meeting, a handful of local parents voiced their concerns

over the reproductive health class. The class, which was up for review by the board, was revised by the Novi District Reproductive Health Advisory Committee in June and approved by the

Curriculum Council in October. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor explained to the board that revisions to the reproductive portion of the health curriculum were mini-

snipping and the elimination of the fifth grade instruction, which was found to be repetitive in relation to the fourth grade class. While only a couple of changes were made to the current curricu-

lum designed for grades fourth through ninth, it was what remained that left a bad taste in parent's mouths. Parents were disgruntled to find that the classes for the older stu-

dents were kept "abstinence, based," verse "abstinence-cen "The course is abstinence-based

but I don't agree with giving the students contraceptive alternatives if they do decide to have sex." said parent Rick Hagan, who has three daughters in the Novi school system. "I don't think It's appropriate."

# Time/Warner only choice for cable

By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

Frustrations are high when it comes to only one choice for cable in Novi.

And the frustration comes as a result of the Federal Government Cable Act of 1996 that limited local municipalities to one cable provider.

In Novi, it's either Time/Warner cable or no cable. Not much of a choice, according to Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo.

"Time Warner has no specific time for cable modern service, Lorenzo said, "The subscribers are not getting anything more

than they currently have and that is not quality."

Lorenzo said that cable services have not been improved and quality has actually gone down but there really isn't much that can be done.

The facts are, either the contract is signed and the city has cable or there is no contract and there will be no cable services, said Council Member Craig

DeRoche. "We have to weight the options before us," DeRoche said.

According to the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission

# Poor attendance nixes Andris development

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to be thankful for "all the bless-

ings that are showered upon us."

cheer was State Rep. Nancy

Cassis (R-Novi.) Cassis thanked

the NHS band for their perform-

ance and praised Novi and its res-

idents for keeping the spirit of the

season alive.

Joining Clark in spreading good

By RANDAL YAKEY

the season.

A current project being developed by Novi businessman Ted Andris was nixed by the planning commission after Andris missed the last three meetings to discuss his proj-

beginning of the holidays.

Now a holiday tradition, the

Fifth Annual Main Street Holiday

Walk on November 21 had local

residents and city officials min-

gling and jingling their way into

With the lighting of the holiday

trees on Main Street, a visit from

Santa Claus, and a spirited per-

formance by the Novi High School

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

On Monday, Andris said that he would be considering his options on

the property. The property is located on Fourteen Mile and backs up to East Lake Drive in the city's north

Novi's annual Holiday Walk always draws crowds as the community celebrates the

Holiday Walk kicks off season

engaged in an evening with good friends, family and food.

the community together to kick-

off the holidays on a positive

note," said Mayor Richard Clark.

"This is an opportunity to bring

Clark, who welcomed residents

in a brief ceremony outside.

wished the city health, happiness,

He recognized this as a time to

and peace for the holidays.

Marching Band, the community reflect on those less fortunate and

Andris said. "I'm looking at a number of different possibilities."

"Right now it's all up in the air,"

Andris did fax the chairman of the commission a letter stating reasons why he was unable to attend

each of the meetings but apparently, according to Andris, the commission wanted him there in person. Planning Commissioner Vic

Cassis said that an applicant needs to appear before the commission so that questions the commission has may be answered about their developments.

"Mr. Andris hasn't shown and has

communicated by (only) mail (fax)," Cassis said. "I think we have gone long and hard with Mr. Andris."

Cassis said that Andris has wasted an enormous amount of the planning commission time not appearing before the commission. We need to address some sort of

standard when someone doesn't show in front of the commission

three times," Cassis said. "And you don't give us the courtesy of explaining why and what the problem is."

Andris said that he would be looking over all the alternatives with his planners and the city planning department. Andris even hinted that there could be a whole other

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# CMU student wins trip to see N'SYNC

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Sometimes the near mention of N'SYNC can send a girl into heartthrob overload.

While many would die for a chance to meet the dancing and singing sensations in person, Novi native Tracy Cohn not only spoke with the group but was also invited to attend a private concert.

As part of a radio contest on Detroit's Q95.5 FM, Cohn won an all-expenses-paid weekend to Orlando, Fla. to meet the boy band and see them perform live.

"It was an incredible experience," Cohn said, who went October 27-29. "I still can't believe it hap-

Cohn and best friend Laura Takla, also of Novi, were two of 150 others who won across the coun-

The trip, sponsored by Nabisco. included a two night stay at the Portofino Bay Hotel, dinner at Planet Hollywood, tour of Universal Studios and theme park, a "meet and greet" with N'SYNC, and a private concert at the House of Blues. Cohn and Takla were even escorted by limo.

"Watching them perform live was definitely my favorite part of the trip," Cohn said.

Performing seven of their popular hits. Cohn said she managed to squeeze in just five feet away.

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Tracy Cohn, far right, won a trip to meet N'SYNC and took her friend Laura Takla, center, with her.

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Police reports indicate that the this report was filed. suspect, described as an Arabic or Chaldean man, grabbed the buttocks of the victim's sister and when the man protested; the suspect. Music Go Round store at the Novichallenged the man to a fight. The Town Center on November 21 man declined and he, his sister, and around 10:56 a.m. and picked out a

According to police, the suspect lowed the three into the parking lot according to Novi police records. where the two men were beaten. The mob fled in what was described in the reports as "SUVs." kent on file. No further status of the was disconnected.

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digital tape recorder and a digital video recorder and proceeded to pay open and a man's head sticking out and "ten or fifteen of his friends" fol- for the items with a bad check, Police attempted to contact the suspect but found that the license morning of Nov. 22, a police cruiser number used was false and the was traveling northbound on listed as 0.12. According to the Police have issued a report to be phone number used on the check. Haggerty when he was passed by a State of Michigan, 0.10 or over is

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man vomiting out the window just

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south of Fourteen Mile Road, The souad car turned around and headed southbound when he spotted the car on Geneva, a side street just over the border in Farmington Hills. the Oakland County Prosecutors was hiding, the man denied he was attempting to avoid police. "No, I just think I need to stop driving because I was not driving

The man, a 27-year-old Novi resi-

straight," the man told police.

dent, eventually admitted to police that he had a few drinks in Jamaica Joe's Bar and Grill in West The man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. The man's blood alcohol level was

POTTERS MARKET OPENS THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget about your pet this Christmas. This weekend. Novi resident Joe Shelbels will have dozens of dog crafts on sale at this year's 25th Annual Potters Market.

Whether its Christmas ornaments or personalized food and water con-When police asked the man if he tainers for your pooch, Sheibels has it. She'll also have coffee mugs and other small products for sale as well. The annual Potters Market, the largest pottery sale in the country, will take place December 1, 2, and 3 in Madison Heights at the United Food

and Commercial Union Hall at 876 Horace Brown Drive near Thirteen

Mile, between 1-75 and John R The renowned pottery sale features 130 potters offering nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging form pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, lamps, tables and just about Hours for the Potters Market are Friday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 8;

p.m., Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 fro 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. 'MUSIC MAN' AUDITIONS SLATED FOR DECEMBER

Auditions for the Novi Theatres production of "The Music Man" will be held December 12 and 14. Auditions will take place at the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Audition packets can be picked up the Parks & Recreation Department, Monday though Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The play will hit the stage March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11. The Novi Theatres' musicals are open to all actors ages 7-97. The Novi Theatres is a non-profit theatre and all actors must pay a participation

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Orchard Hills students, some wearing pitgrim or American Indian garb, work on Thanksgiving Day projects last week. From left: Sarah Waldrope, Mark Carron, Nicole Ray and Laura

# Council upset over cable choices

(SWOCC), representative for Time/Warner, cable modem servthrough SWOCC should be avail- will review the contract again on able to customers by sometime December 4.

Novi Mayor Richard Clark reitbers said regarding the cable con- address

Clark said. Council approved the first readice and upgrades to the system ing of the contract on Monday and

Randal Vakeu is a staff writer erated what most council mem- for the Novi News. His e-mail ryakey@ht.homecomm.net



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# Talking turkey at Orchard Hills

Students delight in Thanksgiving celebration in elementary classroom

Vaishampayan and classmates

Poppengerte sald after a rough ride

over on the Mayflower, the first

winter for the pilgrins was harsh

learned how to plant, hunt and

without his help," said

But with the help of Native

and many died.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Orchard Hills Elementary first and second graders got an early start on stuffing their tummies, as they took part in a pre-Thanksgiving feast, October 22. Dressed in their pilgrim hats, bonnets, and Indian feathers, the children enjoyed a bountiful feast

of goodles. Throughout the week, the children learned about the holiday Iradition and the first graders even performed a play about the first The children also had fun draw-

Vaishampayan. "He taught them ing and designing turkeys using all about the poisonous plants and sorts of resources showed them how to plant the "Thanksgiving was the day when Indian corn."

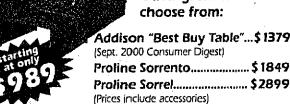
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the Indians and Pilgrims celebrated Aside from its history, the chiltheir friendship with a big feast," dren learned that Thanksgiving is explained 6-year-old Alexander more than just turkeys, cornucopias and pilgrim hats.

"It's also about being thankful Kylie Olkowski and Derek for the things you have," said 7year-old Richard Barbera, who was grateful for his friends and family Second grader Joseph Clarkson said he, too, was thankful for his family and friends, as well as food,

and mashed potatoes." Kim said. Stephanie Forduce is a stafi writer for the Novi News. Her e-mail adaress American, Squanto, the English his home and the Lord.

ings on Thursday.



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Kelsie Autterson and Derek Kim

said while they were sure to get

enough to eat that afternoon, they

were still looking forward to the fix-

"I'm going to eat lots of turkey



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# N'Sync fan wins contest

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They weren't lip-synching either," Cohn pointed out, She said the band also kept the house lights on the entire concert and even talked with the crowd between sets.

Prior to the concert, winners had the opportunity to briefly meet the group and pose for a picture. Cohn said she made sure to get next to her favorite members, Joey senior center. and Lance, during the shoot. The guys were really down-toearth and Joey was joking around

with us," she said. She and Joey got so chummy while snapping pictures, Cohn ended up with his e-mail address. "I haven't tried using it yet, so I

don't know if it's the real thing," Cohn, who said she's never won anything before, qualified for the

trip back in the summer after weeks of numerous tries. Once she qualified, she and hundreds of other contestants were put Into a pool. There was only room for one winner, and an early morning call sent Cohn's mom flying out

"All of the sudden I hear all this screaming and yelling," said mother Vicki, "I thought someone was

Vicki Cohn said she ran down stairs to find both her daughter and Takla jumping up and down. "They were like two little kids. she said. 'They were so excited they were literally in tears, shaking and trembling. I thought Tracy was going to faint."

It seemed Cohn's exuberance made quite an impression on Q95.5 too, as they played her winping screams on the radio for

Tve never seen my daughter like That- she was a lunatic," her moth-Cohn, who is a junior at Central

Michigan University majoring in Communications, said the trip is something she'll always remember. "It was Just awesome," she said "I'll never forget it."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. Her e-mail address \$fordyce@ht.homecomm.net



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that make the city of Novi a com- up families at 6:20, 6:35, and 6:50 event is fun for the kids and gives munity. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the p.m. from Parkview Elementary and five hours of freedom for their parcountries. A holiday address from Novi Parks & Recreation ous age appropriate stations where

Novi Rotary Senior Citizen

Holiday Luncheon December 7 for this fun holiday luncheon at the Novi Middle School beginning at 11:30 a.m. Transportation will be available

from City Hall at 11 a.m.

up for the event call Gerri Stipp at a can or box of food to give to the (248) 442-2292 or Jane Cameron at p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. This [248] 799-5500 ext. 11. Interested event, centered for ages 3-8, is limguests may also sign up with Jan lited to 40 participants. McAlpine at the Senior Center. Novi Parks & Recreation

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# Sex ed creates a stir

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Rosemarie Denion said the term "abstinence-based," which the district has adopted, is misleading and deceiving.

"What we're saying essentially is that "abstinence is best, however there is a back-up plan if you can't control yourself-and that's condoms," she said. "I think it sends students a mixed message and I think we can hold our kids to a higher standard than that."

Denton said she would like to see the district adopt the portion as an elective or design the curriculum strictly abstinence centered. She was also in favor of offering

two versions of the class, one abstinence "based," one "centered," While Denton home schools her children, she said because they live in Novi, they are affected by the

"We still live in the real world," she said. "My kids interact with other children in Novi, whether its playing sports or running around the neighborhood.

Other concerns raised during the meeting included having the ninth grade boys and girls in the same class and the alternative for those students who opt out of the class. To ensure that the public has their say on the class, the board will hold two public hearings on the curriculum on January 18 at Orchard Hills Elementary and February 8 at the Educational Services Building beginning at 6:45

After the hearings, the board will decide whether or not to approve the course. The proposed reproductive

health curriculum outline is now available for parents. Board members such as Julie Abrams and Bruce Bagdady said

they were happy with the proposed revisions to the curriculum. "I'm very pleased with the growth and development unit. I believe when students are given correct, straight forward information, that they can make healthy life styles choice for themselves," Abrams said. "This is not an easy subject, but I think this should please the general public and teach our stu-

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dents so that they can make good

# **Festivities** starts off holidays

"I wish all of you a happy and safe holiday this year," she said. "May all your dreams come true.

God bless. Also present at the ceremony were Oakland County Board Commissioner Hugh Crawford, Council members Craig DeRoche, Lou Csordas, and Ed Kramer, Chamber of Commerce Director Stacey DeRoche. Chief Operating Officer Craig Klaver, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis, and Main Street Developer James

Prior to the holiday ceremony residents lined up along Main Street to hear the high school marching band perform "Jingle

After the band set the tone for the evening, the Mayor assisted in the lighting of trees. Once the lights were lit, in rode a yellow fire engine chauffeuring

none other than jolly old Saint Nick Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Claus and two of his elves, was greet with a warm reception from the community and was even

handed the key to the city. Then it was time to head indoors and warm up with some hot food; as a number of local restaurants filled the Main Street atrium and treated walkers to over dozens of goodies including Red, Hot & Blue, Local Color, Gatsby's, Caribou Coffee, The Lazy Lizard, Quizno's and Wendy's.

Larson Jewelry, Real Estate One, McSweeny Electric and Double Tree Hotel were also sponsors. While mom and dad could eat and chat downstairs, the kids were busy upstairs telling Santa their

Christmas lists. For 9-year-old Kevin Slawinki from Novi Woods, it was a Sony Playstation game and a scooter. Despite the cold weather, more than 300 people turned out for the Holiday Walk of 2000.

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Sarah Pylar (the Sugar Plum Fairy) and Bryan Dechart (the Nutcracker) rehearse for their upcoming performance.

# 'Nutcracker' takes stage in Novi

Take a break this year from the holiday headaches to enjoy a timeless classic from The Novi Theatres. Presented by Children's Annex, the story of The Nutcracker comes to life on stage with all your favorite characters including Clara, The Sugar Plum Fairy, and Mouse King.

"it's really a nice way to get into the Christmas spirit," said 13-year-old Heidi Tobe who plays Aunt Beulah. Mary Kay Davis handles the reins as director, with choreography by Carrie Wickert.

The cast, ranging from ages nine to describe their version of the famly favorite as a perfect combination of dialog and dancing.

For those unfamiliar with the holiday tale, it's about a nuteracker who School. "It's going to be an awesome comes to life and takes a young girl performance. on a thrilling adventure inside his magic kingdom, explained 12-yearold Kristina Fossbakk who will play one of the Snowflakes

The lead of Clara will be played by Alison Davies and Bryan Dechart will play the Nutcracker. Actors Cameron Lewis, Ellen

Smith and Molly Alpert said while the Children's Annex version is outle similar to the original, there are some added surprises that make the show iumorously unique. With a huge cast of over 50 young

stars. The Nuteracker will be a performance perfect for any family outing this holiday. "We've been working really hard. I



"it's a genre of entertainment," said From left, Allison Davies (Clara), Sarah Pylar (the Sugar Plum actor Ben Harpe. "There's drama, Fairy), Bryan Dechart (the Nutcracker) and Brett Schwarlose (the Mouse King) rehearse for their upcoming performance.

have to wear tights," Harpe joked.

people," McDonald said.

Calillin O'Rourke from Novi Middle especially children, are sure to enjoy. "I think kids will really like it not only because it's a good play, but Harpe and Jason Margolis, both because they have the chance to see students at Novi Meadows, said while people their own age acting the the dancing was somewhat of a chalparts," Snavely said.

lenge, everyone seemed to have down If you and your family want to be a part of the spirit this season, join one "I'm just thankful because I'm the of three productions December 8, 9, only man in the play who doesn't 10 at the Novi Middle School Auditorium. Show times for Friday and Saturday are 7:30 p.m. and Newcomers to community theater. Meagan Snavely and Michael Sunday at 3 p.m. McDonald, said doing The Ticket prices are \$8 in advance and

\$10 at the door. Seating is limited. Nuteracker was a wonderful first act-Tickets are available at the Novi "It's a lot of fun and it gives you the Parks & Recreation Office from 8 a.m. chance to meet a lot of really nice to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information about this production, please call the Novi Parks Snavely, Margolis, and fellow actor Tiffany Lin said this will be a per- & Recreation Department at (248) formance that audiences of all ages, 347-0400

# THE CAST

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# WALLED LAKE NEWS

#### WALLED LAKE BRIEFS

#### Counseling replaces bloodwork

Since 1989, couples wishing to be married were required by th State of Michigan to receive premarital counseling on HIV and STDs. Counseling was instituted as a replacement for the blood test; a test which determined if the couple had syphilis. Counseling has been available through private physician's offices and local health

As of January 1, 2001, the State of Michigan will no longer require premarital counseling prior to marriage and the Oakland County Health Division will no longer be conducting premarital counseling classes on Monday evenings. The last class will be held For persons being married in 2000 (including those being mar-

ried on 1-1-01.) premarital counseling is still required prior to obtaining a marriage license. For those being married in 2001, apply for a license after 1-1-01 and you will receive literature from he Oakland County Clerk's Office.

For more information, contact Oakland County Health Department, Walled Lake Office, 1010 E. West Maple Road, Walled ake, Ml. 48390-3588, (248) 926-3300.

On March 15-16, 2001, Walled Lake Schools will be hosting the Blst annual MAMSE (Michigan Association of Middle School Educators) conference at Sarah Banks Middle School, Teachers and administrators from all over Michigan will be presenting successful ways to better educate our young people. Everyone is invit-

ed to attend this middle school odyssev. The conference will feature keynote speaker Dr. Charlene Swansea, nationally known author, teacher and management consultant, who has been called the "Jane Fonda of the brain" by the Los Angeles Times. Dr. Swansea is Executive Director of MIND-WORKS, a company that does research in neurobiology and offers raining to educational institutions and private corporations. She has also written film and television scripts. Her creative teaching methods were featured in a feature-length film that won the Best Documentary award at the 1980 American Film Festival.

The March MAMSE conference will also highlight Eliot Merenbloom, educational consultant, whose best-selling books include "Developing Effective Middle Schools Through Facility Participation" and "Team Process: A Handbook for Teachers." Randy Thompson, author of "Wow, What a Team" will also be fealured, along with Walled Lake educator Joan Garetson, Michigan Teacher of the Year, who will speak on inclusion in the classroom. Performing at the banquet at the Novi Hilton will be Three Men and a Tenor, one of Michigan's most popular comedy and musical entertainment groups. This high-energy quartet has a repertoire of attention-getting tunes that are performed without instrumental

accompaniment. Their vocal sound effects are a virtual orchestra. Explore effective programs, creative strategies, stimulating ideas, and innovative technology at MAMSE's 2001 middle school conference at Sarah Banks Middle School in Walled Lake. For more information regarding registration, please contact Mrs. Linda Day by phone (248) 956-2448 or by fax (2480 956-2226.

#### Holiday Open House

Wixom-Wire House holiday happenings are just around the corner. There will be a holiday Open House on the evening of Saturday, December 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. as well as Sunday afternoon, December 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served at both. Stop by and see this cozy little historical home all decorated Also at the Wixom-Wire House the Wixom Historical Society will

be having their Noel Night on Monday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to join in this festive sing-a-long. The Wixom-Wire House is located at the south west corner Wixom and West Maple Roads

#### Tips for getting noticed

Sitting at a table filled with successful small business owners and listening to their stories is like reading a book. Each of their stories has a pitted plot, villains and more heroes than a Charlie's Angels rerun. Ask them how they became successful and their eyes light up, their face swells with pride and the story begins. It makes my job as a reporter so easy.

Small business owners are experts in their respective field. When it comes to their business, they know what they are talking about. From simple retail companies to biochemists and fuel cell scientists, they know their market and business better than anyone. What the average small business owner doesn't always realize is that they can share that information with anyone who will listen. With a success story just stewing in their gray matter, most small business can easily become a journalist's prize source. If they don't want more business, then it's all right. But I haven't met a business owner yet who wouldn't share their story if it meant more

A news story on your business, or just having you, the small business owner, quoted on a national story about your field is worth its weight in advertising gold. You've already become the

• Tell your story. Local communities often have a daily or weekly newspaper or business journal that is always looking for feature stories. Call the beat reporter and tell your story. If you're articulate, have an exciting product or have never been in the paper before, you'll have a great chance of getting interviewed.

• Tie-in. Watch the national news and see if it applies to your business. It can be as simple as issuing a press release or statement about how you don't like to see a tax increase, or as complex as making a stand on a controversial issue. Choose your issues carefully and be ready for phone calls and questions from customers when your name does make it in the paper.

• Keep practicing. If you're really interested in making it to the limelight, make sure your available for call backs, be honest when speaking to a reporter, be realistic about your chances of making it in the media and become a good speaker. You've worked for years to perfect your business, speaking to the press and getting the fame you deserve can follow the same process.

#### Holiday Decoration competition

The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority and the City of Walled Lake invite all residences and business located within the city limits to participate in the 8th annual Holiday Display Contest, a citywide holiday decoration competition.

To participate, businesses and residents are asked to nominate themselves or a neighbor by Dec. 8 by calling either 624-6284, or 624-3456. Nominations can also be faxed to the DDA office at 926-9004. Entries will be judged by a volunteer citizens' committee. Businesses and residences will be evaluated on the basis of effective use of lighting, exterior decorations and overall appearance. Awards will be announced Dec. 15 and presented at the Jan. 3, 2001 Walled Lake City Council meeting.

#### Wixom activities

For ages 4 to adult, Attend the Marquis Theater in Northville on Friday, Dec. 29, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. It is \$10 per person. Fee includes bus, ticket, and treat. Register early.

Class will be held for ages 12-adult. Monday, Dec. 4 and Wednesday Dec. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at the Wixom Community Center. Fee \$15 per per son. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department will instruct on mechanical operation and legal responsibilities of operating a snowmobile safely. Bring your Social Security number. For more information, 624-2850,

# Balduci's market a family affair

#### Y ANNETTE JAWORSKI

If you're in a hurry driving down Wixom Road, you might just pass a new neighborhood market, where you'll find fresh produce and other specialty foods. Located near many residential neighbor-Balduci's Market Placeoffers area residents a convenient location for their fresh cut orime meats, a full service deli, a bakery with fresh and grain

breads and prepared hot foods. Owner, John Donohoe, is part of a long family tradition of fresh produce. The Balduci tradition began over 100 years ago farming produce in Canada, and the fammoved to Genesee County in the 1930's. The business is now in its fifth generation with John onohoe and his son. Brett. keeping the business a family

In season, many of the store's produce is grown on their 750acre farm in the Flint area, only a short distance away. For the remainder of the merchandise. they make a daily pick up at the terminal downtown to provide the best for their customers.

The Donohoe family places a strong emphasis on healthy and "Freshness is the key. When it comes to the meat in the deli, it's all cut on the premises (nothing is

pre-sliced). It's what we pride ourselves on," said Donohoe. They hope to offer more of a neighborhood market atmosphere where there's more personalized service, and they know the customers by name. They also hope o make a name for themselves by offering a selection of specialty and gourmet foods over and above what you might find in the supermarket.

hing you need. It's a lot of little things that make the difference. Most of the time, you're really not paying much more," he said. He points to hand made pasta lirect from Italy, gourmet olive oils, fresh, not frozen turkeys and seafood. Guernsey milk products

neluding ice cream.

"You can get just about every

in the produce aisles, you'll see fresh herbs to cook with. The deli offers a wide range of meat from the top of the line Boar's Head and imported cheeses to traditional everyday brands. The same is true throughout the store, where you'll find an offering of everyday grocery staples as well customers demand increases. an array of ethnic, specialty and Every dessert person should take gourmet foods to sull your fancy. a walk past their bakery counter



Balduci's Market Place is locat

ed at 2133 Wixom Road in

Balduci's Market Place is a family run business. Pictured above are Carol, Danny, Brett, John

#### "Anything that you can find here, I've tried and

Samanta, Greg and Nicky Balduci.

Owner of Balduci's

"It's a little flavor of this and a Hittle flavor of that? Donohoe and enjoys the opportunity to try the specialty foods he offers.

here. I've tried and can testify it's good." he adds.

to see Balduci's artistically himself believes in the health designed cakes. The deli carries a benefits of eating organic foods. Shoppers can top off their heated up for those busy days when you don't have time to cook. they offer wreaths, grave blan Donohoe says presently the

business is trying to gauge the kets and other holiday items. demands of its clientele. He'll be happy to add different types of merchandise at their request. Wixom, to place special orders Another area he's interested in call (248) 926-2181. Loonie's Market Place expanding is their offering of Pizzeria organic merchandise. Donoho

THE BALDUCI FACTS

Balduci's is hoping to draw clientele from several local communities neavy with residential population including Wixom's population of 8,550 and approximately 4,475 families in an area of 24.251 square "Anything that you find out kilometers. Walled Lake residents add a population of 6,278 and 2,884 families in an area of 5.875 square kilometers. Nearby Milford will add a population of 5.511 with 2,108 family and 6.404 square

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The new \$18 million facility, with an estimated 150,000 feet of exposition space and a 30,000 sq. foot state-of-the-art banquet hall and conference center, will have 40 dized for operation." percent more space for exhibits and 35 percent more parking. Bowman said the new center will draw in over \$180 million to deeply impact southwestern Oakland

The new facility, which is slated for the north side of Grand River the city. Bowman said he and his just west of Taft Road, is expected - staff will work to push the project to cover an estimated 320,000 sq. ahead as quickly as possible.

"We have an opportunity to keep will take our conceptual process abatement is a large hurdle to leap it was, until they did that emer- to us." this community booming," and put them into a more formal but he also believes that they are gency improvement, was a very But Bowman did agree that the ty, we'll put economic investment Bowman sald. "I think we've been planning." Bowman sald. "I expect on the right track. Bowman said unsafe place at best. And it doesn't new Beck Road interchange would a good corporate partner and we want to grow in that capacity." A study done by Michigan

Consultants of Lansing notes that six months for the planning

11-30-00 NR 1013325)

#### CITY OF NOVI **VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS** & COMMISSIONS

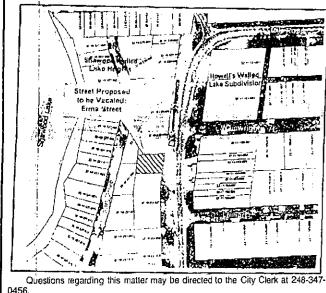
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, December 11, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment the Board of Review, Beautification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Hous ing & Community Development Committee, Historical Commission, Library Board, You Ice Arena Committee, Planning Commission, Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to eceive an application by mail or fax, or at www.ci.novi.mi.us. Please submit your application by Thursday, December 7, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appoint

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED VACATION OF ERMA STREET (WEST) WALKWAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will hold a public learing on Monday, December 4, 2000, at 8:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, on the proposed vacating of Erma Street (west) walkway. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W, Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. All terested persons will be heard at this Hearing.



(11-30-00 NP/NN 1015247)

#### NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT **TUP 00-055**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT G & S Electric is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary construction trailer from December 7, 2000 through July 30, 2001 at the Magna site, which is located on the South of Thirteen Mile Road and West of Haggerty Road on Lewis Drive.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on December 6, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to December 6, 2000.

11-30-00 NR, NN 1014875)

#### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI **CHANGE OF MEETING TIME**

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the City of Novi City Council cheduled for Monday, December 4, 2000 will begin at 8:30 p.m. 11-30-00 NR 1013326) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

#### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of an anticipated vacancy on the City Council. If you are interested in appointment for the term ending November 2001, an application may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road or at www.ci.novi.mi.us or by calling (248) 347-0456 until December 18, 2000. Council interviews will be held at a Special Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2000 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City of Novi, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CMC/AAE 11-30 & 12-7/14-00 NR, NN 1015266)

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a new Novi Expo Center could generate an estimated quarter billion A new Expo Center is something dollars annually and produce a that Blair Bowman is hoping will significant economic "windfall" for other Novi businesses.

The study says that about a \$100 million of that is a local impact," Bowman said. "If you look at what other communities do They are totally taxpayer subsi-

"This (Novi's new center) will be totally privately funded. No taxpayers money will be used in the construction of this facility," Bowman said.

If the abatement is secured and conceptual plans are presented to "Once we get the abatement we

that to take about sixty to ninety days after we get the abatement." Bowman said that it could take the project alive. And the passing

of the Road Bond on November 7 functioning" and "full-access" was "enormous." "The Beck Road interchange was project.

process and that construction, if critical," Bowman said. "Not only And Bowman agrees that the what it was and what it isn't. What will act as a way for people to get Improving the infrastructure in have full access. You really can't be the primary interchange though Novi was a serious step to keeping get on going eastbound." Bowman said that that a "full

interchange will be "key" to the

#### CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to eview the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Cambridge Homes Bellagio Subdivision, Lot 29 (Case #00-25).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Services, Attention Woodland Review Board, 15175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday

(11-30-00 NR/NN 1015206)

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#### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT — LAKESHORE PARK

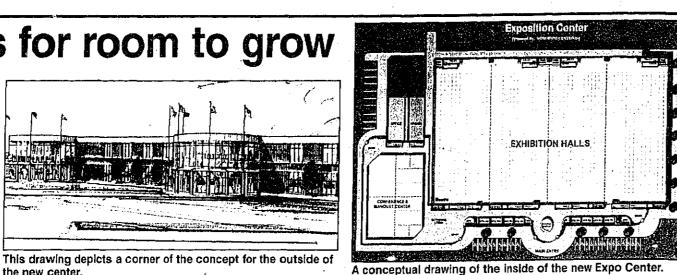
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Playground Equipment -Lakeshore Park according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday December 7, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be

addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm NVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Playground Equipment — Lakeshore Park" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and awar he contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the con

tract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best inter

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through that interchange knows mile stretch of Grand River that interchange.

"More importantly," Bowman he did expect visitors to the new all went to plan, could begin some- for our project but for the city. sald, "We are in-between a number Expo Center to still utilize Novi time in mid-2002, according to Everyone who has ever been of intercessions. We'll have a three Road and the new Wixom Road

improvements and our new facili-Continued on 9

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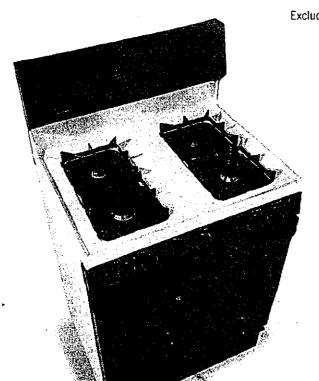
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# Hearing set for Expo abatement

ed more time. Helwig said he took "extreme accepting" to Lorenzo comments of "spoon feeding" and noted that all applicants for tax abatements are to receive two weeks on the agenda from the time the request is filed with the city.

will be treated fairly no matter who feasible way. But there is no guarthe applicant is. "He (Bowman) will not be singled

out for any special treatment,"

Clark said. "Everything will be done above board and everyone will be treated the same. Everyone, on both sides of the issue, will be treated with dignity and respect." Bowman says because the new exposition center is a privately funded venture, he's "counting every dime" and making sure everything is right they proceed. "We will be looking at every new revenue, we will be looking at every new potential for expense, Bowman said. "We are making sure that we take this thing very, very, very, very responsibly and make sure we have done everything before we have jumped off the plat-

The abatement would give the new exposition center approxi-Novi City Manager Richard mately an extra \$73,000 a year that Bowman said is needed to procure the future of the new exposi-"We took each and every one of

the criteria and broke it down," Bowman said. "I'm looking to take Mayor Richard Clark backed up it to the next level. The key issue is Helwig saying that all applicants that we grow in a logical way, in a

> The criteria for the abatement states that any company that is given an abatement must employ a "significant amount of employees In the community." A minimum of 25 employees is required.

An abatement policy must have an a minimum investment of \$10 million. Independent Michigan Consultants estimated that the new Expo Center could bring in an estimated \$100 million annually to the city of Novi. The site for the new Expo Center is located along Grand River northeast of Taft Road,

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail is njakey@ht.homecomm.net

# New center could bring more money to Novi

ty, we'll put economic investment into the area. And more people will come to the builders show and the Expo Center tax abatement is RV and camper show in an envi-scheduled for December 4. Council ronment that is better than we are convenes at 8:30 p.m. operating in right now."

According to a study by Michigan Consultants, the city of the Novi News. His e-mail address Novi receives approximately is ryakey@ht.homecomm.net. \$12,000 currently from the property where the new Expo Center is proposed. With the abatement, the city's revenue will come to about \$44,000.

"An abatement is a little bit of a misnomer,\* Bowman said. "People think that they are giving such a break and we're giving up so much. But the reality is that those properties' (value) are going to jump three and a half times. The city will have a net increase of over \$31,000 Bowman could receive approxi-

mately \$73,000 if the abatement is granted by city council. Bowman also said, and Mayor Richard Clark agreed, that the property on which the new exposition center is proposed has had

difficulty attracting investors. "The city of Novi has gone through four zoning changes out there in the last four years on that properly," Bowman said. "They have been trying to do something over the last twenty years and if something more dramatic happens, nothing will change. We've been through the most robust eco-

#### Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The address of the library is 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

STORYTIME NOTES Our regularly scheduled Storytimes will not be held on

Tuesday, Dec. 5 due to a staff inservice day. TOT

REGISTRATION Children ages 12-18 months are invited to join us for a halfhour of stories, songs and games on Friday, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. Registration for the event begins Dec. 1; you may register in person or by calling the library Space is limited however, so tod-

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

dlers and caregivers only,

Our December selection is "The Tale of the Body Thief" by Anne Rice. The group meets Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Senior booklovers are reading "Amsterdam" by Ian McEwan. The senior group meets in the

library meeting room on

Thursday, Dec. 14 at noon.

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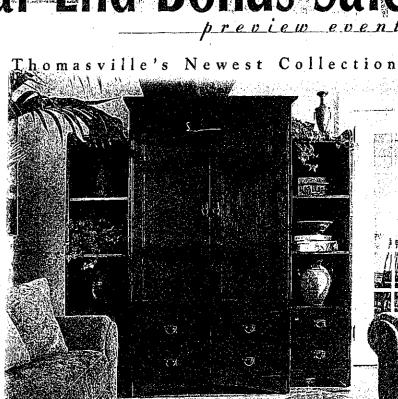
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plan that would not include a commercial project even though the property is zoned commercial. Andris has been trying to get a structure on that site for the past 14 years. Plans have been submitted to the city for at least three different

First, Andris was to put a Greek restaurant on the site, then an soda and ice cream parlor and the current plan was a 10,000 square foot commercial building. "I still have the right to appeals to

the Zoning Board of Appeals," Andris said. Andris can still repetition the commission to have the site plan for his project reviewed, according to

city officials

Staff Writer Stephanic Fordyce contributed to this report. Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi His e-mail ryakcy@ht.homecomm.net

#### Sports club offers clinic

Join Dr. George Nicoloff for the Sports Club of Novi's complimentary Sport's Injury Clinic Tuesday, December 5. Entitled "Get Back in the Game," Nicoloff will be available for injury assessments along with recommendations for Indi-

vidual exercise programming. Nicoloff has worked extensively with college and professiona athletes and is the current team physician for Stevenson High school in Livonia. He is a board certified Family Physician and is a University of Michigan Medical

School graduate. Services provided at the sports clinic will include therapy instruction/referral, exercise prescription/counseling. and

ijury evaluation. Dr. Nicoloff, who works at PrimeCare in Novi, also offers full service X-ray, casting and splinting, injections, and sports physicals in his office. PrimeCare is ocated on Ten Mile, Just west of

The sports clinic runs from 7-9 o.m. by appointment and is open o both members and non-mem-

The Sports Club of Novi is located off Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. Call now [248] 735-8850 to reserve your time.

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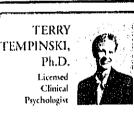


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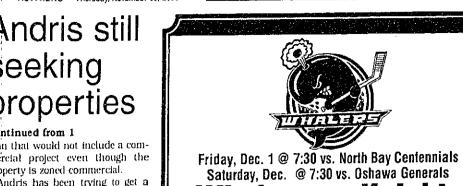
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Friday, Nov. 24

Investigation.

7:08 p.m., Squad 1.

Saturday, Nov. 25

12:18 a.m., Squad 3.

6:04 p.m., Engines 3, 1.

10:16 p.m., Squad 2.

Sunday, Nov. 26

Injury accident,

5:21 p.m., Squad 1.

a.m., Squad 3.

alarm,

Medical, 50450 Oregon, 5:35

2:29 p.m., Squad 1.

a.m., Squad 4. Medical, Beck and Grand River, 11:08 a.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Taft and Brook Forest, 5:48 p.m., Squad Grand River, 11:44 a.m., Squad Medical, 27795 Novi Road, 12:57 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 42364 Park Ridge

Fire alarm, 27795 Novi Road,

2:53 p.m., Engines 1, 2, Investigation, 43155 Main St., 3:44 p.m., Engine 1. Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road. 4:30 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 43180 Nine Mile

Road, 9:47 p.m., Squad 3,

Tuesday, Nov. 21 Investigation, 44624. 3:03 a.m., Engine 3. Medical, 45182 West Park, 11:31 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 44854 N. Hills, 11:43 a.m., Squad 3.

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Medical, 21354 Glen Haven, 3:26 p.m., Squad 3. Investigation, 43334 Ashbury, 3:49 p.m., Engine 3. Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 5:02 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 29907 Montmorency.

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piece of their choice. Class will be held December 5, at Novi's new Ready, Set, Paint! located in the Novi Town Center from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 for a parent and one child and \$10 for each additional child. A material fee of \$7 is also

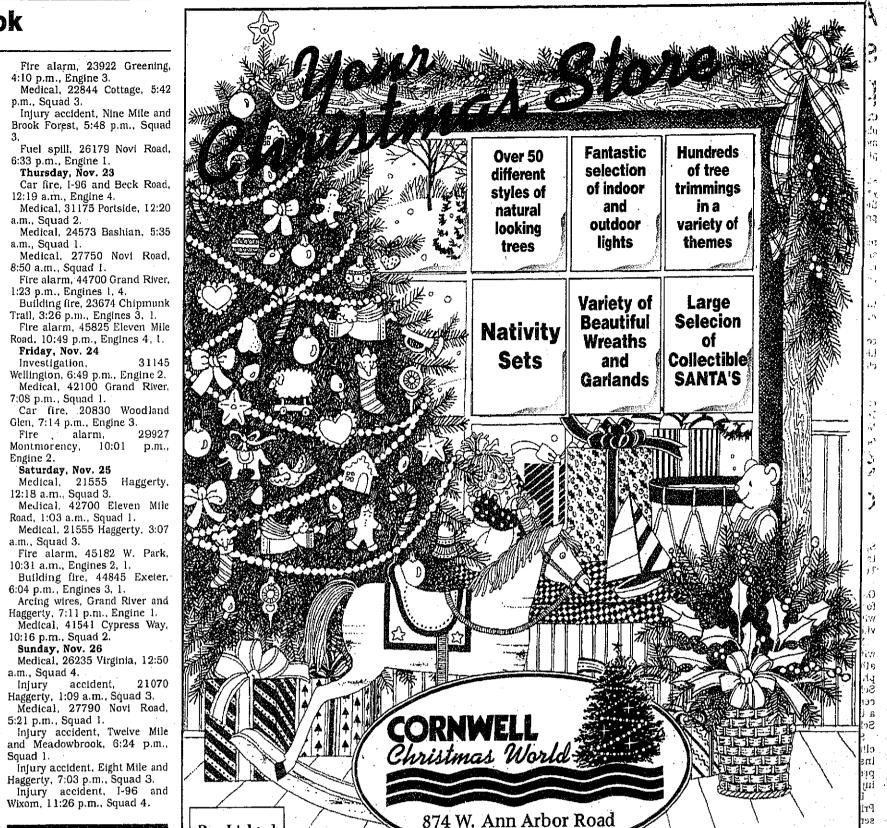
Mind Your Manners Keep yourself out of trouble and your home nice and peaceful by learning the manners and etiquette you need to keep you parents happy. Now, don't scream "NO WAY," this class is fun! Go beyond "please" and "thank you"- learn how to behave at a party, how to greet people, how to accept a present that you absolutely can't stand, things to say in a "thank you" note, and what exactly to do with that kiss from your Aun Millie. You'll also learn why manners are important to your school and social success. This class for grades K and up is just in time for the holidays.

Class will be held December 9 at Novi Middle School's teachers lounge from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$14. Bring a snack. Holiday Balloonacy 101

Dazzle your friends with dinosaurs and dogs balloon figures. Produce a rabbit, a bird, or a really cool hat. If you've ever wondered how to make balloon animals and decorations. here's your chance. Learn how to blow up, tie and twist balloons into fun, creative, entertainment. Along with hands-on instruction, each child will receive a supply of balloons and a basic printed reference to continue the fun at home.

This class, for age 5 with a parent, will be held at Parkview Elementary on December 11 from 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$21 for parent and one child and \$13 for each additional child.

To register for the above classes or for more information, call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.



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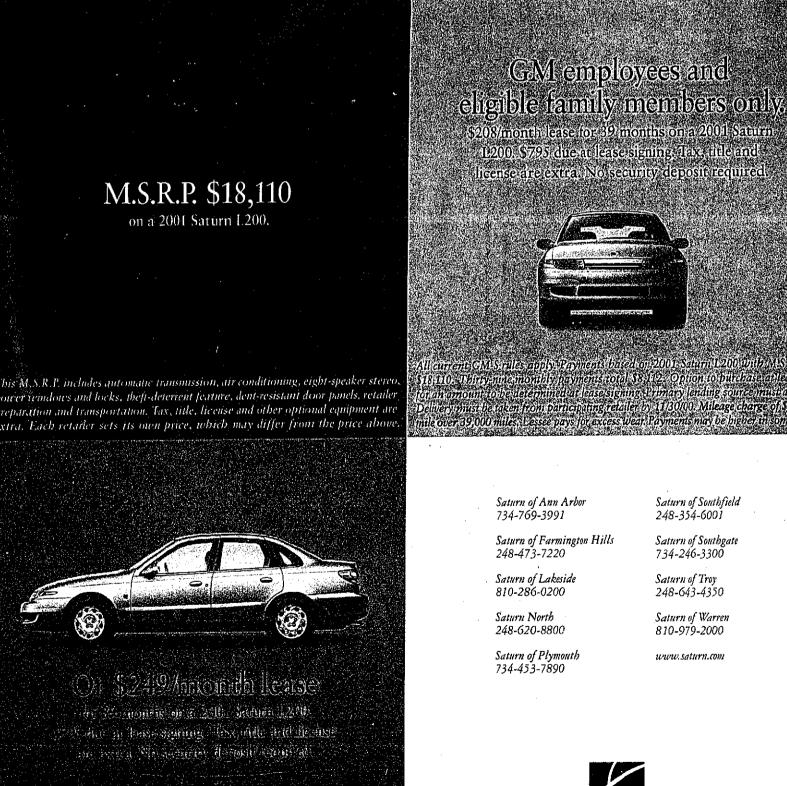
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# School jumps to raise \$3,500

Students at Novi Elementary leaped into action for a good cause, as they participated in the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope For Heart" campaign, the week of November 13. Raising nearly \$3,500, this marks the fourth year the school has helped in the fight against cardiovascular

diseases and stroke. "It's not only a great way to raise money for heart and blood diseases but it's an excellent cardiovascular (activity) for the students," said Novi-Woods physical education teacher Libby Crawford.

This educational fundraising event, held in thousands of elementary schools across the nation teaches students the benefits of physical activity, how to keep the communities.

"It was fun because it beloed us workout and helped those with heart diseases and trying to keep them Students help raise money by col- later when it may be too late." lecting donations from their families and friends. Then the students come Based on the amount raised, the stu-

ropes, and basketballs. Crawford's students proved they jump. were up to the "making a difference"

Tin hoping to instill the love of sions and posters. jumping rope with the idea that the The American Heart Association's hildren will continue to do it outside - "Jump Rope For Heart" campaign is

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of gym class," Crawford said. No problem for fourth grader heart healthy, and shows that they Heather Donohue who said she'll Education, Recreation and Dance. can help save lives right in their own peruse her jump roping career and. Aside from raising money for lifesavsaid the lessons learned during the campaign will stick with her. This will help us all start to get into a better, healthier lifestyle," she

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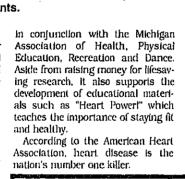
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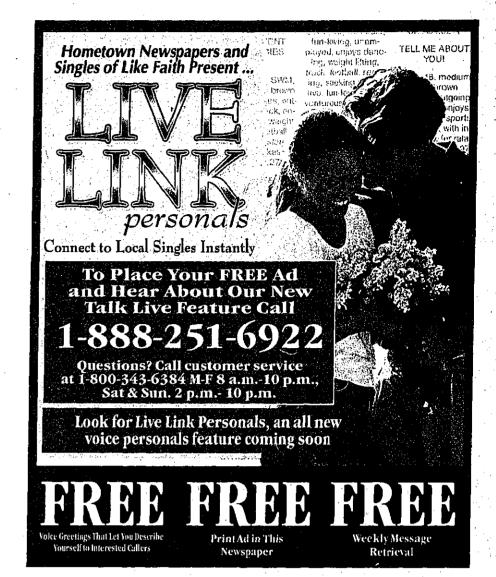
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troop leader for the Boy Scouts Theater during World War II. and director of District Leader in charge of church finances, a club, and leader of the youth group. An avid saxophone playbands following his retirement: Moslem Shrine Brass Band,

died Nov. 17. He was born Nov. served as chaplain of Kilwinning Memorial Garden. Masonic Lodge, Mr. MacLeod vol-Mr. MacLood was a former unteered in the care of crippled plumbing inspector for the city children during transportation. Novi. of Detroit. He served as presi- to and from Shrine Children's dent of the Plumbing Inspectors Hospital in Chicago, Ill. Mr. Association of Michigan, During MacLeod served in the U.S. Navy his working years, he served as a a SeaBee in the Pacific W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48375 would

He is survived by daughters Training, Mr. MacLeod was an Joyce Ward of Philadelphia, Pa., and active member of Redford Grace Willong of Novi; three grand-Presbyterian Church, serving in children, Kathi Sartori of Jackson, many capacities: deacon, elder. Tenn., Kevin Vicklund and Dawn Wilfong, both of Novi; and two greatmember of the church drama grandchildren, Kayet and Cody

Mr. MacLeod was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Marion, whom he married in 1940.

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Crowd Band, and the Novi 44400 W. Ten Mile in Novi. James A. MacLeott, 85, of Novi Theatres senior variety show. He Interment will be at the church O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of

> Contributions to the Shrine Crippled Children's Fund or The Friends of the Novi Theaters, 45175

RUSSELL J. BONKOWSKI Russell John Bonkowski, 58 died Nov. 20 at his home in Novi.

Mr. Bonkowski received his master's degree from the University of Detroit and was a retired math teacher from the Farmington School District. His memberships included the Elks. A memorial service will be held on Moose Lodge and the Eagles. Mr. Franklin Band, Herlinge Band, Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at Faith Bonkowski was a musician and Beigian American Band, Old Community Presbyterian Church, played saxophone for the band

He is survived by his wife, Nov. 24 at O'Brien Heart Association, Midwest Arrangements were made by (Steven) Gerios and Jennifer of Novi. Bonkowski: his parents, Russell W. and Julia Bonkowski; and Hills Memorial granddaughter, Veronica Gerios. Cemetery in Novi.

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AS AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi Expo Center has submitted, FOR FILING, a request with the City of Novi for the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

District Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

The proposed project is located on the north side of Grand River, between Beck Road and Talt Road, described as follows:

Parcel "A" (total/combined): Part of the N.E. 1/4 and S.E. 1/4 of Section 16, T.N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as: Beginning at the E. 1/4 corner of said Section 16, thence along the E. and W. 1/4 line, as occupied, S.86\*56\*26\*W. 1338.99 ft.; and S.87\*03\*52\*W. 443.17 ft., thence S.02\*41\*12\*E. 237.68 ft. thence along the North line of Grand River Ave., 100 ft. wide, N.73\*36\*09\*W. 752.11 ft.; thence parallel to the N. and S. 1/4 line of said section, N.02\*15\*13\*W. 328.44 ft.; thence N.73\*39\*49\*W, 109.66 ft.; thence S.87\*43\*19\*W, 81.71 ft. to a point on said N. and S. 1/4 section line which is Sall's Section, Index 151 W. 324-41. The Head No. 251 Section Fine which is N.0216131W. 83.17 ft. to a point on said N. and S. 1/4 section line which is N.0216131W. Freeway on the following five courses. S.71\*1350°E. 45.65 ft. and S.35\*10'26°E. 581.08 ft. measured, 582.00 ft. record, and S.74\*31'57°E 250.00 ft. record and measured and N.86\*05'20°E. 1220.44 ft. measured, 1221.21 ft. record, and S.74\*31'57°E. 901.04 ft. measured, 901.10 ft. record, thence along the East certical for S.74\*31'57°E. 901.04 ft. measured, 901.10 ft. record, thence along the East ction line, \$.02°54'06"E. 443.83 ft. to the point of beginning.

section line, \$.02°54'06"E. 443.83 ft. to the point of beginning. Contains 44.851 acres. In addition a parcel described as follows that part of the South half of the Northeast quarter. Section 16, T1N, R8E, Novi Township, Oaktand County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 16; thence \$.02°00'50"E along the West line of said Section 16, a distance of 264.04 feet; thence \$.74°00'10"E a distance of 2235.30 feet; thence \$.15°59'60"W. 150.00 feet; thence \$.70°45'10"E. 651.05 feet; thence \$.36°43'83'9"E. 125.54 feet to the Point of Tarascapia: thence socialisms \$.34°88'39"E. 455.36 feet; thence \$.74°00'10"E. Beginning: thence continuing \$.34"38"39"E. 456.36 feet; Thence \$.74"00"10"E. 250.00 feet; Thence \$.74"00"10"E. 250.00 feet; Thence \$.86"33"07"E. 1069.37 feet to a point on a limited access right of way line (restricting all ingress and egress); Thence \$.74"00"10"W along said limited access right of way line, 692.41 feet to a point of ending of limited access and a point of beginning of free access; Thence \$84"51"05"W. 390.00 feet; Thence \$.66"23"56"W. \$60.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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In addition a parcel described as follows that part of the South half of the North-east quarter, Section 16. T1N, RBC, Novi Township, Oakland County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 16; thence S.02\*0050\*0\*E along the West line of said Section 16, a distance of 264.04 feet; thence S.74\*00\*10\*E a distance of 2235.30 feet; thence S.15\*59\*50\*W. 150.00 feet; thence S.70\*45\*10\*E. distance of 2235.30 feet; thence \$15°59.50 W. 150.00 feet; thence \$.70°45°10.55.05 feet; thence \$.34°38°35°E. 20.64 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing \$.34°39°E. 105.00 feet; thence \$.66°23'56°E. 560.00 feet; thence N.84°51'05°E. 390.00 feet to a point on a limited access right of way line (restricting all ingress and egress); thence N.74°00'10°W along said limited access right of way line, 1000.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. There shall be the right of direct ingress and egress, from Highway I-96, to and from and between the lands herein described. This contains 1.97 acres +/
There shall be no right of direct ingress or egress, from Highway I-96, to and from and between the lands herein described.

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Contains 1.97 acres +/Subject to and/or together with all easements, restrictions or rights of record.

Total area of described parcel: 52.791 acres
Pursuant to Section 4 (3) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on December 4, 2000 at 8:30 p.m., in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 West
Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the alorementioned legislation of the alorementioned

Novi may appear and be nearun to teleprone to the Appear and the resemble to the Appear and the Audience Participation section of the Agenda.

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District Superintendent Dr. part in the school system to educational and vocational train-Emmett Lippe returned from a valuable learning experience spaces for internships and recently awarded Fulbright he said. Scholarship to Germany.

Lippe spent two weeks in hensive education in the states, said. Deutchland, along with fourteen Germany has a "dual-system" in Lippe said one noticeable difother school administrators in which students can decide to ference in the German schools ical systems of the European ing.

educators observed school facilities, as well as discussed trends kids seem to know why they are ment appointments. in educational reform, technology, and the European Union. "It was just an outstanding them." personal and professional expe-

gain an understanding of the side is that it limits their flexibilculture, and in particular their ity for the future. educational system.

Lippe said he was particularly for the rest of their life, where in interested in their school-to- the states, it's never to late to go

**Obituaries** 

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MARY A. HESSE

Mary Agnes Hesse, 84, died Nov. 25 at St. Mary's Hospital in

She was born in 1916. Mrs. Hesse is survived by sons, Arthur Stephen (Marian), David (Irene), Thomas (Kathleen) Jeffrey (Susan), Gary (Laura), and Kevin (Vivian); daughter, Mary (Roger) Bentlage; brother, John T. Walker; sister-in-law Patricia O'Neil: 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She

was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Sr. Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Holy Family Catholic Church In Novi. Interment was at Holy

Sepulchre Cemetery Arrangements were made by at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48035 would PETER MOSORYAK THE STATE HE IS SULVIVED BY THE MARKET Sharon A. (Grant), whom he market have 1080 two

died Nov. 20 in Warren, Mich. He ried in Detroit, June 1969; two was born Feb. 7, 1916, in daughters, Michelle (Cory) Chicago, Ill., to John and Marie Donberger of Novi and Christa Mr. Mosoryak was an electri- son, James of Northville; sister,

cian and repairman by trade, and Patricia Mahaz of Plymouth; and served in the armed services. ters, Andrea (Jesse) Vivian of Plymouth and Linda (Paul) Hagan Nov. 27 at the First Church of the of Novi; two sisters, Mary Paluda Nazarene, with the Rev. Dr. Carl of Tucson, Ariz., and Delores M. Leth officiating. Pokorski of Troy; two granddaughters, Lindsay and Kayla Cemetery in Northville. Hagan, both of Novi; and three Arrangements were made by grandsons, Matthew and Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home Christopher Vivian, both of Inc. of Farmington.

mother-in-law, Louise Grant of Services were held on Monday,

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Ronald Rudolph Pilat, 55, died

Nov. 22 at his residence in

Northville. He was born Sept. 24.

Mr. Pilat graduated from Cooley

High School in Detroit. He was

regional director at Lippincott.

Williams & Wilkins, medical pub-

lishers. Mr. Pilat served in the

Army during the Vietnam War and

was the recipient of a purple

silver star. He was an active mem-

ber of the First Church of the

Nazarene in Northville and served

as usher. Mr. Pilat enjoyed golf,

(Nathan) Harris of Chicago, Ill.;

traveling, and the stockmarket.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN** INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi Expo Center has submitted a request with the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development Dis-rict under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District Act P.A. 198

AS AMENDED

The proposed project is located on the north side of Grand River, between Beck Road and Taft Road, described as follows:

Parcel "A" (total/combined): Part of the N.E. 1/4 and S.E. 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novl, Oakland County, Michlgan, being more particularly described as: Beginning at the E. 1/4 corner of said Section 16, thence along the E. and W. 1/4 line, as occupied, S.86°55'26'W. 1338.99 ft; and S.87°03'52'4.493.17 ft, thence S.02°41'12'E. 237.88 ft. thence along the North line of Grand River Ava., 100 ft. wide, N.73°36'09'W. 752.11 ft.; thence parallel to the N. and S. 1/4 line of said section, N.02°15'13"W. 328.44 ft.; thence parallel to the N. and S. 1/4 line of S.87°43'18"W, 83.17 ft. to a point on said N. and S. 1/4 section line which is N.02°16'13"W. Freeway on the following five courses, S.71°13'50"E. 45.65 ft. and S.35°10'26"E. 581.08 ft. measured, 582.00 ft. record, and S.74°31'57"E. 250.00 ft. record and measured and N.86°05'20"E. 1220.44 ft. measured, 1221.21 ft. record, and S.74°31'57"E. 901.04 ft. measured, 901.10 ft. record, thence along the East section line, S.02°54'06"E. 443.83 ft. to the point of beginning.

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Pursuant to Section 4 (3) of said Act,a public hearing shall be held on December 4, 2000 at 8:30 p.m., in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Virgings across and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned

idustrial Development District.
If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in riting or during the Audience Participation section of the Agenda.

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"The difference is there's real Nevertheless, Lippe said he was establishing an exchange procommitment on the part of the impressed by the equal emphasis On October 21, Novi School business and industry to their that Germany places on both

make sure that there are work ing. "They are very proud of their across the globe, as part of his apprenticeships for students," skills, where here, adults may He said unlike the compre-

the United States, to study the focus on math, history and sci- was that there were no extra cureducational, economic, and polit- ence or go into technical train- ricular activities or athletics, making school spirit nonexistent. Therefore all kids don't neces- Aside from visits to schools, the traveling throughout sarily have to take the high aca-scholarship program also includ-Germany. Lippe and the other demic subjects, they can take an 'ed tours of mines and factories, apprenticeship," he said. "The briefings, and selected govern-

> in school because they're doing something that's meaningful to Essen and other cities in eastern—through academic exchange. Lippe said while he liked the and northern Germany. choice that the dual-system pro-Lippe said while it was no vides to its students, the down-

> > the theatre, museums, historic landmarks, and even the World's Lippe said an outcome to his

trip is that a German exchange is ers and administrators con- was a wonderful learning experi-

gram with a bi-lingual school in

Further, he said they have Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor to apologize a little bit if they're a go over in the first part of the year to see what arrangement is possible with a grant from Oakland Schools

"The idea would be to send ten students over there next year and vice-versa," Lippe said. "It would be wonderful if we could make it

The Fulbright Scholarship Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former Senator J. William The linerary included meetings Fulbright of Arkansas to promote in Berlin, Hamburg, Welmar, the advancement of knowledge

entirely by the United States 11th and 12th grade students in a bi-lingual school in Berlin. leisure vacation, he had the Department of State through the chance to experience the custom Fulbright Commission and the Government of Germany. and culture of the country, visit Teacher Administrator Exchange Program

countries around the world. on the German education," he Today, approximately 130 said, adding that he'd love to go Since its inception, the countries participate in the world and wide Fulbright program.

tribute to mutual understanding ence. between the United States and "It really helps your perception

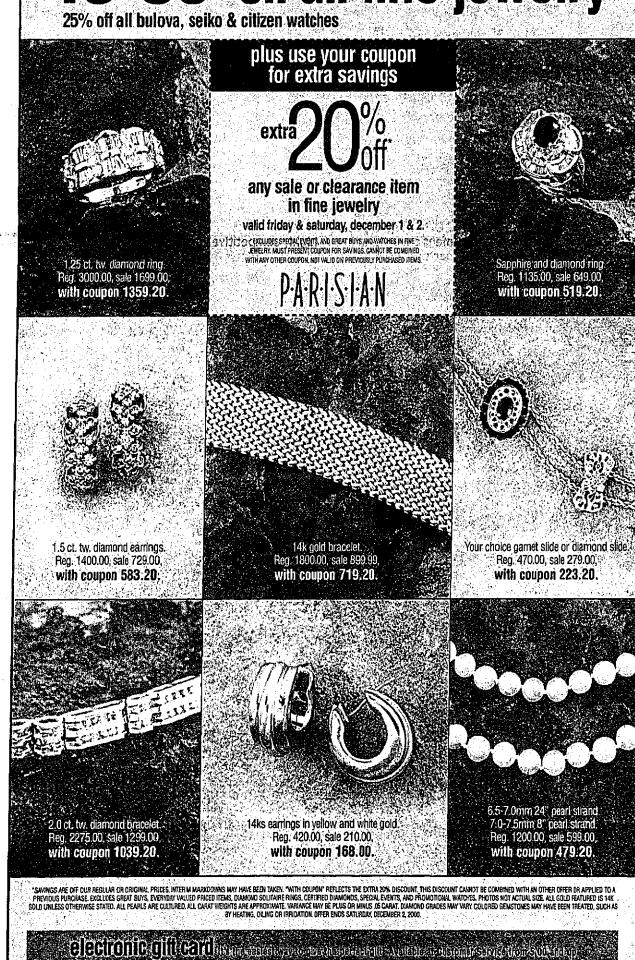


The trip was co-sponsored Dr. Emmett Lippe, Superintendent of Novi Public Schools, with

Lippe said he was grateful for

has helped nearly 23,000 teach- the opportunity and that the trip writer for the Novt News. Her esfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

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# Guidelines for noshows at planning meetings needed

attendance by an applicant to the process.

Novi Planning Commissioner Vic wasted an enormous amount of Cassis spoke out when local devel- the planning commission time not oper Ted Andris failed to show for appearing before the commission. review on his commercial project. What should be done is that a

after it had been on the agenda Planning commissioners need to ask questions of whose property is applicants on various Mile issues. Even if an architect Road and abuts provides the drawings, at East Lake Drive. least the commisioners said that he faxed a letter to the can ask the applicant his

he future intentions for the thought he had site - which could change made an effort to keep communica- midway through.

proposal. It appears it's time for some not have to. planning commission.

ing that

The commission

Planning commissioners need to tee the petitioner will show up the ask questions of applicants on next time. various issues. Even if an archi- Perhaps a monetary course of

A recent planning commission least the commissioners can ask decision to deny an applicant's the applicant his future intentions request for site plan approval of a for the site - which could change, project has brought the issue of midway through the building

Cassis said that Andris has

committee should be set up to come up with a list of possible actions that should be taken and those actions should be voted on by planning commission and city council. There is no time

to waste in either planning commission or city council chambers. Meetings are long enough disagreed thus denying Andris's without applicants merely not showing up when they feel they do

standards to be laid down by the A firm set of guidelines needs to be made clear before the applicant Cassis said that the planning applies for a request, which would commission needs to address ensure the commission and counsuch an issue and provide stan- cil have a smoother road in dards. It only seems logical that processes building requests. Also, standards are implemented to if the commission's and council's keep applicants moving through time is wasted, a strong course of action should be taken to guaran-

tect provides the drawings, at action would solve the problem.



The cold weather and gray skies are ushering us into another holiday season as these gray and ominous clouds show in the southeast corner of Maybury State Park on Nov. 27. The upcoming forecast calls for colder than normal

# Communication key to school issue

So no one at Northville High School cult task keeping track of more than knew about this club for two and a half 1,500 students, and I truly don't envy

Okay, let's look at that, shall we? Let's see. Nicole Pearce advertised for poster in your face, when she has a authorized by school administrators. been one of the assistant principals.



signs "thousands" of them and proba- Messenger, the school's newsletter, bly didn't realize what the club was reminding parents not to excuse their

NECT FOR CHRIST was about. Hmmm...well, maybe if they used ini-reminders over several months. tials C4C, as the club was known, I could see that, but then, wouldn't you ing "South Park" and playing cards, ask, "Hey - what's that stand for?" This could have been any club. It like SADD, MADD and High Adventure. could have been the "Crack For Children" Club. Not that apparently funding.

they didn't ask the question. What else is going on there that they But when a student is putting a

he club with flyers that had to be teacher sponsor — who according to Pearce was initially "very involved in In October, I asked principal Tom the club" - when you have a detailed Johnson if he'd signed the posters. He description of the club on the school's didn't think he did, so it must have website, when you have 70 students regularly filling the drama room to talk Okay, I asked Gail Weeks, assistant about the Bible, I think it's fair to ask: principal of What else is going on that they don't know about.

I make this point only because the Nope w r o n g district is in quite the quandary. For again. She the last three years it has accepted taxtold me it payer money for the seminar period. It must have has counted the period as instructionb e e n al time and have been praised for it. Dennis However, this case may prove that Colligan. while the district's intentions of stu-Well, dents using the time to get help in Colligan school were good, the reality is some-

he thing much different. may have Do they really know what is going on signed the during seminar? posters. Last year at this time. Johnson put he several notes in the Mustang how the kids in this district are spend-

> kids from seminar. So many of them were leaving school during this time, it required several

> Next - the claim students are watchand up until last week, holding clubs This is what your tax dollars are

anyone at NHS would know because I have no doubt that some, if not most students, are using this time for what it was intended, but the state may see it differently. The state may say this is not their

One hand doesn't know what the other is doing and that can only lead to miscommunication and detriment to these (Northville High) students.

idea of instructional time, leaving the district owing some money and having three years of students without proper graduation credits.

But for the sake of argument, let's say it is considered instructional time. In that case, the district still isn't out of the woods because it allowed other non-curriculum clubs to meet during instructional time but prohibited Nicole from having her Christian club. This would seem to be a violation of her

It's a big district. There are a lot of transactions, dealings and inner workings that need to be tended to. But by the looks of the facts in this case, all this is done at the expense of knowing ing their day.

One hand doesn't know what the other is doing and that can only lead to ! miscommunication and detriment to these students.

This is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. And it goes beyond canceling a couple of clubs because they got caught. It means the end of finger pointing and hedging and the beginning of responsibility and action.

Melanie Plenda is a staff writer for the Northville Record and Novi News. Her e-mail address is mplenda @ ht.

#### don't know about? To be fair, I can imagine it is a diffi-

#### **■** Don't forget the works of Mr. Smith

on Nov. 16, was (almost) right on target. In to thank the above people and the entire Well...most of them.

better prepared for the world Community diligently, hard working individuals. I'm certain Mr. Toth wouldn't want any member of that committee to the committee of that committee to the committee of that committee to the committee of t theatre like the Novi Theatres ber of that committee to be left out or not and the theatre get his "slap on the back," as Mr. Toth put departments in

the school districts bring experience to costume designers have always tion; a place to dream. Let's put forth all their time and ener- dream with them.

> worked so hard, remember all those or "do it for the kids" again. Stop. names. They are; Asa Smith, John I can't wait to see how the Road Bond

Mr. Toth's letter, printed in your paper in Novi even though we have moved. I wish

To Mr. Toth for the Citizens for the

We will soon need another new school

LETTERS

Eleanor Thompson

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Letters to the Editor Novi News 104 W. Main Northville, MI 48167

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# OTHER OPINIONS

# Forecasters smell trouble

Economists like to play the "good news, . . . Because auto sales will drop, manufacbad news" game. And the economists at the turing employment will go down. Michigan's University of Michigan are no exception to the unemployment rate, which has been below

In their most recent publication, "The will match it by 2002, with seven out of eight Michigan Economic Outlock for 2001-2002," job losses coming from the durable manufacthe U-M experts predicted our state's econoturing sector. my will remain strong next year but the rate of growth will start slowing down. Saul their forecasts are widely regarded as the best biggest barriers to growth next year.

Phil Power

has transportation can get one.

What kind of a casualty rate are we will- the MGM Grand in Vegas worth \$225,000.

ing to accept in our pursuit of a good time? The markers show he was, in essence, gam-

the question that way a year ago. He was into debt by almost a quarter million dollars?

gambling despite the fact we know that sive gambling program in the Michigan

some, typically 5 percent, will become com- Department of Community Health, is also

pulsive about it and, as a result, lives will be surprised by the amount, destroyed approach and and and are such as a "Someone should have seen that he was

Now more than ever, it is time we consider getting himself into trouble and put a stop to

After rying cash.

over 10 years. practice, not endorsing it.

his three children, ages 3, 5 and 7; killed his practice is particularly well suited to the

note sent chills up his spine, especially a line success in life could make themselves look

in which Moukalled stated, "I was gripped by like high rollers for a time, but they'd be

the hope of one more shot." That's the falla- playing with their life savings. I doubt casi-

said, the belief that the next bet might turn out-of-control gamblers from themselves. A

Moukalled's home - torn up "markers" from Not only could someone bet away a life

Police Chief William Dwyer said the suicide Many who have enjoyed even moderate

He suffocated

it," he said.

Legalized er is common practice, according to Nelson

g a m b l i n g Westrin, Executive Director of the Michigan

claimed its lat- Gaming Control Board. There are some,

est victims last known as "whales" to the casino operators,

Farmington lions of dollars. They don't walk around car-

returning from The practice is limited to the highest

a trip to Las rollers, Westrin said. They have to be regu-

Vegas, Jihad lars and have to pass a credit check. It isn't

Moukalled in the casino's interest to run players into

wrote out a note bankruptcy because it has to count those

explaining that markers as revenue and pay taxes on the

he had been amount regardless of whether it can col-

gambling for lect, Westrin said. He was explaining the

destruction of lives.

James Dobson, the ultra-conservative bling on credit.

 In five of the past six years, the manufacturing workweek has been longer than for view is slightly less optimistic than the Uany prior year since 1970. Long workweeks M forecast. I think the auto industry is facmeans big overtime checks, not to mention ing big time problems and I figure most bonus check on Christmas shopping. I'd bigger profit sharing payouts as the auto middle managers have become so used to keep some tucked away for a rainy day. companies share good profits.

Next year won't be quite as good, according

market by offering big cash incentives. Gambling claims more victims

president of Focus on the Family, phrased

referring to America's growing affinity for

what our answer is going to be here in

pregnant wife; and then took his own life.

it all around for them.

the national average for more than five years, Businesses already clamoring for skilled

labor will face tight labor markets as they try Hymans, Joan Crary and George Fulton have to grow. The U-M economists point out that been looking at our state's economy for years; labor shortages will likely be one of the Things won't be all bad, though, especial-

Clearly, we have been enjoying the best ly as big investment decisions made in the economic times in most people's memories: last few years begin to be translated into · By year-end, bricks and mortar General Motors' new Michigan assembly plant in Lansing will open someeconomy will time next year; GM also plans on spending have turned in \$1.5 billion on research and engineering its ninth straight facilities in southeastern Michigan. The year of job Detroit Lions new football stadium is still the under construction, and the \$1.2 billion ongest run of renovation at Detroit Metro Airport will prosperity in 50 boost service employment in 2001.

Five out of six new jobs in Michigan will come from the service and retail sectors, Unemployment according the U-M economists, which is at record low should result in a 3.4 percent unemploylevels. As a prac-ment rate next year, higher than this year tical matter, but still lower than 1970. Rising labor and anybody who materials costs will increase the rate of wants a job and inflation from 2.3 percent this year to 2.6 try. But the auto companies and the suppercent in 2001.

> For what it's worth, my own personal good times they have little idea what to do when the economy turns south.

• Auto and truck sales will slow down, the between the prime rate the banks charge victim of increased interest rates, which make their best customers and the underlying your comments, either by voice mail at car payments more expensive. The auto com- rate of inflation) is very high by historic (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at panies are already trying to cope with a soft standards. High interest rates have already ppower@homecomm.net. cut sharply into current sales. And it looks

How could a casino let a player run himself

Jim McBryde, who heads up the compul-

It turns out that extending credit to a play-

Nevertheless, it seems to me that the

cy that drives addicted gamblers. Dwyer no credit checks are designed to protect toll gets any higher ... because it will.

gambler on the way down might be able to

Almost as shocking, if you ask me, is what qualify for more credit then he or she could tions of state and regional events. He can be

Auto and truck sales will slow down, the victim of increased interest rates, which make car payments more expensive.

as though the only way for the auto companies to keep sales up is by offering enormously expensive incentives. Chrysler is clearly headed for a major retrenchment.

The auto supplier industry is scared stiff, and not just the American parts makers who are worried the Germans now in charge of Chrysler will dump them for foreign firms. For a number of years now, the auto companies have required suppliers to both increase quality and cut prices, maybe 3 percent one year, maybe 4 percent the next. The pressure is now so bad in the supplier chain that many companies can only remain profitable by running at fulltilt, three-shift basis. What happens if parts orders slow down?

And I understand that the bad loan work out departments at local banks are already busier than they have been in years.

Over the past few years, the Michigan economy has become much more diversifled and less dependent on the auto indusplier chain still represent the guts of our economy. And trouble for the auto industry still means trouble for the rest of Michigan. So if I were you, I wouldn't blow all your

The real interest rate (i.e. the difference Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes

Granted, this happened out of

state. We might not be able to

tice, but if we are going to

pulsive gambling.

convince Nevada to end the prac-

embrace legalized gambling here,

we would be well advised to cur-

tail activities encouraging com-

savings in one afternoon, a gambler could

do it without having to slow down long

Granted, this happened out of state. We

might not be able to convince Nevada to

end the practice, but if we are going to

embrace legalized gambling here in

Michigan, as we have, we would be well

advised to curtail activities likely to encour-

age compulsive gambling. A ban on credit in

casinos, or at least restrictions on the

amount that can be given, would now seem

to be well worth considering. Forcing play-

ers to put up their money up front is a good

way to insure they can really afford to bet it.

games, as a federal panel called for last

year, or even a re-examination of whether

we need everything from a lottery to

We should think about all this before the

Mike Malott reports on the local implica-

reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-

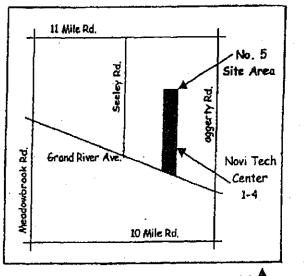
horseracing to casinos in Michigan.

Better vet would be a moratorium on new

enough to go withdraw it from the bank.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 6, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. In the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, NOVI TECHNOLOGY CENTER NO. 5, SP 00-19A, located north of Grand River Avenue between Hagger ty and Seetey Roads, for PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN and SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVALS. The applicant is proposing a 17,451 square foot one-story light indus-



Location Map

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2000. NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION

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his letter, he congratulated the Road Bond city for seeing to it that the roads many of Committee members for their hard work. us use daily will see improvement soon. I'm sure Mr. Toth's letter was very appreclated by the committee members, however, he made a terrible mistake by (inno-

it. The name he forgot was Mr. Asa Smith. I know Asa Smith to be a fine person. Roads; I give those people my thanks for one of high integrity and standards. I also raising my taxes. Mr. Toth, you live in the know that he would never go looking for a Village Oaks sub. What are you going to slap on the back...a simple "thank you" do for your sub? I believe the Road Bond would be more than enough for Asa. I have will help the people near Beck Road.

listened on many occasions while Asa

Stephanie Fordyce would like to say go Smith commended the committee volun- for the Road Bond. But I don't like my teers, all of them, and took no credit for his taxes going up again. I see you use these own efforts. The people of Novi should roads on a daily basis. I would like to see know the Road Bond Committee, all of you pay for the roads. them - including Asa Smith - worked long Mr. Toth, some people work the night

duce a better quality of life for Novi citi- The mayor said we will not see any addi-So Novi, when someone speaks to you years. But that is only one thing. about the people behind the scenes who

Chambers, Dick Faulkner, Jerry Coonce, will help this end of Novi near Tom Marcus, Dale Myers, Dan Tagrrant, Willowbrook sub 3,

Jerrods Hart, Tont Nagy and Joe Toth. One note, our family business remains Ruth Hamilton South Lyon

and hard and gave of their hearts to pro- shift and cannot go to all your meetings. tional roads proposals for at least five

Share your opinions

Vial of Life featured on public access Senior Center.

teamwork. Since spring, the crew at included a first look into the Vial of Life pro-Farmington Hills Channel 8 has been hard gram on Streetbeat, a new show by the Novi at work producing a Rouge Watershed propolice. Novi Police officer Joyce Nelson outgram. Now in its final stages of production, lined the goals and perimeters of this life Streetbeat, a new show by the "Storm Drains Aren't Garbage Cans" fea- saving conception. tures 'Drip, an animated character that Vial of Life's goal is "to proactively identi-

police found in the kitchen wastebasket in really afford to lose.

ways clean. received fund- information is placed in an oversized Vial ing from the and stored in the participant's refrigerator Office with the cue teams. ness about the those living alone.

Vial of Life is the first of several senior 348-7100.

The main ingredient for any project is City of Novi's video division recently

encourages fy and address the public safety and health young and old concerns of our senior population." The to keep water- program involves filling out specific medical information that emergency personnel can The division utilize in a life-threatening situation. The

rouge Project door where it can be easily accessed by resintention to This program is ideal for senior citizens,

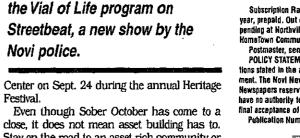
importance of Watch November's episode of Streetbeat to clean, safe learn more about this valuable safety program. waterways in Or to receive more information about the 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. every communi- Vial of Life program, contact Officer Joyce Nelson or Officer Diane MacGregor at (248)

Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks senior commu- of inspiring programs for the entire family. nity. The Vial of Life program is endorsed Witness first hand the triumph of over 200 Department, the Novi Police Department, In Ceremony that was held at the Costick at SWOCC.

City of Novi's video division recently included a first look into the Vial of Life program on Novi police.

Center on Sept. 24 during the annual Heritage Even though Sober October has come to a

Stay on the road to an asset rich community or hop on board and catch Jim Conway's message in the beginning of October. increase aware- people with serious medical conditions, or ment of "Around Farmington." This month's



from the "G.R.I.P. Kickoff" event that was held Finally, sit back and relax for the latest installepisode features the tree carvings that outline the new playscape in Shiawassee park. Channel 15 programming airs at 10 a.m. and

Caren Collins is the executive director for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. She safety and health initiatives launched by Throughout November, Farmington 15 is full can be reached at (248) 473-7266, ext. 11. The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall. The next supported by the Novi Fire American hopefuls at the "2000 Citizen Swear CAC meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.



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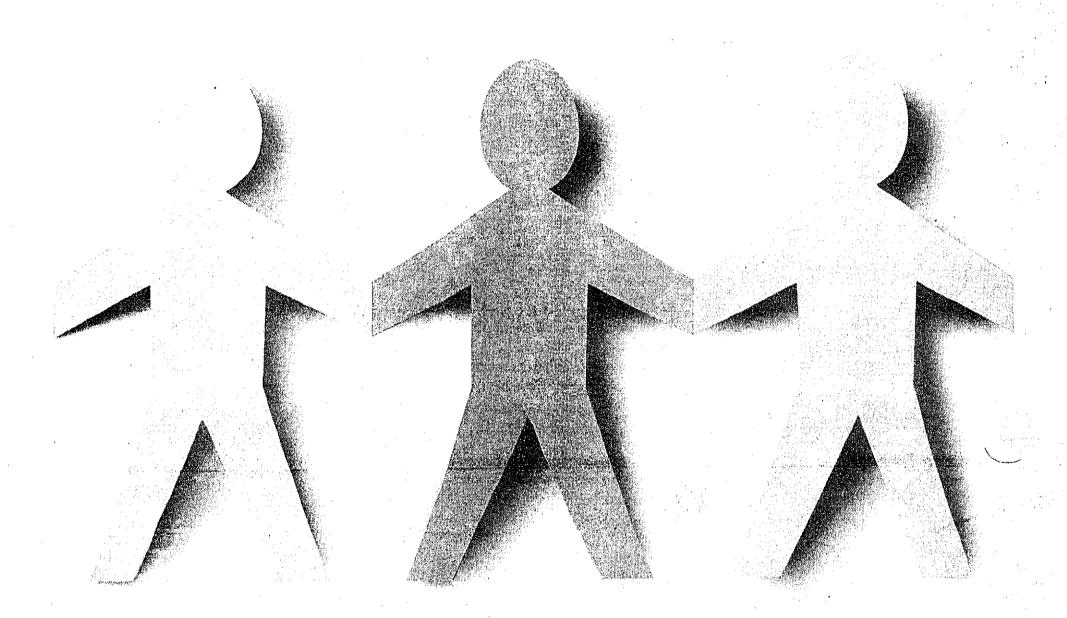


While you're thinking about whether to give this year, here's something else to think about.

Sooner or later, the United Way helps one in three people in our community.

And you never know when you or someone you love might be

the one.





It's what we do. Together.

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# HOMETOWN LIFE

Greenery galore: Meadow Brook Hall

isn't the only beauti-

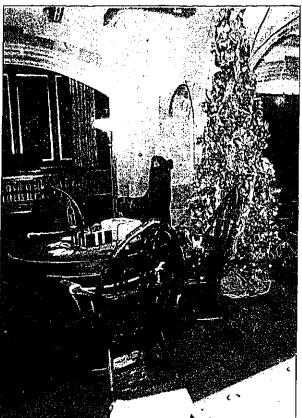
ful home in the area

open to the public this month. A house

in Rochester Hills, one of the residences on this year's Holly Walk, is filled with decorated trees. The



Grand manner: Alfred Wilson's study was the site of New Year's Eve card parties. It is one of the rooms at Meadow Brook Hall decorated to recall celebrations of the Dodge-Wilson family.



Festive scenes: For A Charmed Life, the

games room (above photos) at Meadow Brook Hall features holiday decor among the unusual furniture and board games. A bedroom (right) con-tains a smaller tree adorned in pastel shades. Staff photos by Donna McLaugh-

By MARY KLEMIC

elebrate the holiday season in a grand manner, by visiting a grand manor. The 30th annual Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, A Charmed Life: Celebrations in the Grand Manor, opens Friday, Dec. 1, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10. Visitors will have glimpses into celebrations by the Dodge-Wilson family at the mansion.

Oakland University founders Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred Wilson and their family lived in the 110-room mansion from the late 1920s through 1967. A Charmed Life will present vignettes recalling special occasions, arranged among elegant holiday decorations.

It was a charmed life. Family members traveled around the world, and in the winter, they rode a sleigh on outings. Frank Sinatra and Tommy Dorsey entertained for Frances Dodge Johnson's 25th birthday in 1939.

Photos and souvenirs, and objects from the Meadow Brook collection that are rarely seen — including the sleigh, and Frances Dodge's 1938 wedding dress — will be on view. Tables will be set as they might have been for Christmas and New Year's parties.

For example, the dining room table will feature a centerpiece of packages, each with a string leading to a place setting. This is in keeping with the family tradition of each person sitting at the table pulling the string to get

his or her package. For the holidays, the mantel in Alfred Wilson's study is laden with greenery decorated in silver and gold angels, ornaments, strings and

tassels, similar to a tree in the window. The family had a New Year's Eve card party in this room. After dinner and toasting the New Year, guests would play bridge.

"They had enough friends and family over for four or five sets of bridge," said Maura Overland, curator of collections.

"Richard (one of the sons) thought the parties were so nice he would bring dates back for

The lower level games room features molding with a checkered pattern accented with images of chess pieces. It contains unusual fur-



# Grand Celebrations Meadow Brook Hall presents scenes from

A Charmed Life



niture, including a chair with a bear figure forming the back and arms. Around a card table, which has recessed sections for the players' convenience, are chairs with pointed, cathedral-like arches.

For A Charmed Life, old Clue and Chinese Checker games are exhibited, along with a small table shuffleboard. The Christmas tree in the room is adorned with poinsettias, ribbons and holly.

Visitors will see the dress Matilda Dodge Wilson wore to Frances' debutante ball at the Book Cadillac Hotel in 1933. The event had a silver and dark theme; Matilda's silk and satin crepe dress is dark and features rhinestone accents.

(Frances' outfit included an orchid that had been dyed black. It was considered scandalous and shocked Detroit society, Overland said.)

Frances' bedroom is decorated in burgundy for the holidays. Among the decor are strings of glittering beads on a chandelier. As in other years, the decorating at the hall is done by Panache, design

Hours for A Charmed Life: Celebrations in the Grand Manor are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except for Wednesday, Dec. 6), with last admittance 4:30 p.m. Hours Wednesday will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with last admittance at 8:30 p.m.

The Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop, with new and unusual items added for holiday shopping, will be open during the Holiday Walk hours.

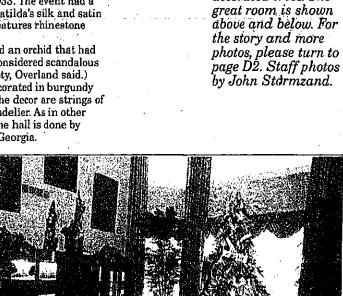
Admission - which includes admission to the Knole Cottage playhouse, where Santa will greet visi-

tors - is \$12.50 for adults, \$6 for ages 12 and under, \$6 for OU affiliates with ID, \$10 for groups of 20 or more.

Black-tie holiday gala evenings are scheduled Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2, with reception and touring 6:30 p.m. and dinner 8 p.m. An afterglow following dinner includes dancing. Cost per person is \$200 for patron, \$275 for benefactor. Advance reservations are required for the gala

evenings. Meadow Brook Hall is on the OU campus, off Adams, south of Walton. Call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

All proceeds from the Holiday Walk are used for the preservation and interpretation of Meadow Brook Hali.









#### **HomeTown Authors**

John Ho, Novi Middle School student, describes how proud he is of his mom and aunt who made a fearful trek from Vietnam to America.

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#### **Community Focus**

Deerfield Elementary students recently celebrated "Apple Day" with apples and paints.

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#### **Announcements**

Joseph and Mary Macura celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. See what other couples made announcements

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#### **Novi Highlights**

Novi Rotary Club

The annual senior citizen lunchcon sponsored by the Rotary is There will be no admission charge. Fashions from Talbots will high- to do Christmas shopping or deco- parish office. Entertainment will be provided by call chairperson Vic Merritt at Prain, Jean Brookins, and June the middle school band and choir. 349-8911. The luncheon will be Fitzpatrick. The Novi models will while residents from Whitehall, held at the Untted Methodist be Waltonwood assemble for the Meadowbrook Road across from an hour of Dickens story telling function. Lunch will be served at Farmer Jack. 42:40 p.m. Please call in reserva-Hons to Jan McAlpine, center Community

information, call Gerry Stipp at and life enrichment coordinator must be made by Dec. 1; please ing. Any individuals and/or fami- call the office for more details. children will present "A Rockin" 442-4492. Each senior citizen will Mona Hansen extend an open invi- call 735-1500. The menu will lies who wish to volunteer are Each family attending is asked to and Rollin' Holiday" program on receive a gift following the lunch- tation to all Novi-area seniors to include Chicken Florentine or rib asked to call Carol Ann Donnelly bring a new pair of mittens for the Dec. 14. The evening will include Transportation from the Novi Dec. I, from 2-3:30 p.m. Music - Civic Center to the middle school from the 40s to current will be

those who prefer not driving. In addition, refreshments will be dents on Dec. 8 at 1:30 p.m. Attendance is expected to super-served with homemade cookies sede the 110 who attended last and punch.

Greater South Lyon Rotary Club will be dressed in Dickens' cos-Dec. 5 at the South Lyon Hotel. tumes, with caroling provided by special program at their noon sters and several other groups. luncheon Dec. 28. Izumi Suzuki, a Refreshments will include hot licensed instructor in flower chocolate, eggnog and homemade arranging, will be sharing various cookies.

Japanese arts such as calligraphy. tea ceremony, and much more.

Waltonwood

attend a senior dance on Friday,

Everyone is invited to the holi-The Rotary will attend a day horse and carriage stroll Dec. 3 p.m. Christmas party given by the 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The staff The Novi Rotary will be hosting a the Novi Co-op Preschool young-

scheduled for Dec. 7 at 11:40 a.m.—and an open invitation to the pub-—light the program. Waltonwood will—rating, etc. at the Novi Middle School on lie is extended. However, lunch provide the models: Ruth Hughes, Eleven Mile and Wixom Roads. reservations are necessary, Please B.J. Smith, Grace Wallace, Alla Charter House, Grand Court and Church on Ten Mile near Waltonwood of Canton, At 7 p.m., volunteers are needed to transport plus refreshments will conclude the program

The cost for the luncheon and eye steak, tossed salad, Rice Pilal, at 349-8553. asparagus, and assorted ples. Mike Krieger is scheduled to

will be available at 11 a.m. for provided by the Highlights Band. bring Christmas music to the resi- officially closed all of December. Lady, was a recent guest speaker. The public is encouraged to Only new donations will be Accompanying her was Mr. Tom attend a holiday tea and tour of accepted at the church by calling Turkey, named Roy. Her presentathe facility on Dec. 12, from 1:30- in advance, 349-8553.

> Domino's Christmas Show, lunch at Baker's Square. Canterbury person, included in the cost will Village, Hines Park, and a holiday be dinner and dancing to the Thanksgiving feast complete with dinner at Steak and Ale.

Future trips for the residents and

Church of the Holy Family Christmas babysitting will be been sent to 25 year members of helped prepare the pumpkin this column, call 624-0173.

eon is planned for Dec. 7 at noon. p.m. in the Smile Room for parents for purchasing tickets at the

Accent on Women will present Please call the church officer at "A Cup of Christmas Tea" on 349-8847 for more information. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the by photographer Peter B. Battin of Keep in mind, space is limited. limited number of tickets available Because Charter House of Novi joined by models from is having a program the same day, at \$5 each. The evening will Christmas gifts from storage to the prayer reflection, tea, coffee and were used for additional school facility. At 10 a.m. volunteers, the dessert. Agape Singers, youth and Santa Breakfast with Santa in

> A reminder - Holy Family A Growing Place Community Clothes Closet will be who spoke about Thanksglving. and will re-open Jan. 8, 2001.

Holy Family's silver anniversary eat, and an exhibit of wash tubs. Claus. Christmas Elegant spoons, and other things used as include Crossroads in Flint, Extravaganza will be held Dec. 2, musical instruments many years Dec. 22 through Monday, Jan. 1, from 6:30-11:30 p.m. at \$20 per

A special holiday fashion lunch- offered Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 the church. Dec. 1 is the deadline cake, homemade chicken soup, spinach dip and vegetables, and fruit dip.

Activities this month included traditional school pictures taken Activity Center. There will be a Princeton Studios of West Bloomfield The Discovery Toy exhibit was a

include candlelit tables, music, very successful event; all profits The preschool/child care chil-

Claus will gather at Charter House Bethlehem will be held Dec. 9. dren will have a snow-theme promanager at 347-0414. For more Administrator Michelle Connell fashion show is \$12. Reservations to distribute gifts, fruit and carol- There will be two seatings. Please gram on Dec. 12. The nursery songs celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah. A special "visit from Margaret Schmidt, the "Farm someone" and refreshments will follow the program. The children are making orna-

> They have also started decorating tion included what turkeys like to the walls with pictures of Santa School will be closed Friday

ments and gifts for their parents.

music of Glenn Porzadek and his their own created placemats, nap- Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to band. Special invitations have kin holders, etc. In addition, they contact her with information for

#### **Northville Seniors**

lowing services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or — Development Block Grant Program.) to register for an activity, call (248) 349-

SERVICES Newsletter

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips, and services. You can nating Fridays.) pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare) Homebound residents can receive a Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) someone free of charge. Please call the of movies, lunch and shopping. The days Senior Center to register.

Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked - parking lot at noon. Cost is \$2. Please call free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on — to make reservations. the second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 n.m. by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of the month, noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. Please call the Senior Center for

Food distribution is usually the fourth p.m. at the Senior Center. December distribution will be on Dec. 22.

Senior Services Directory

tion on support programs, health and for residents. \$41 for non-residents, includes bus ride and concert ticket. medical services, available housing, organ - Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all - Please stop by the Senior Center to regizations providing financial assistance and —concerts. Registration is necessary.

much more. Please stop by the Senior

The staff at the Northville Senior Center | Center to pick up your free copy today. at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the fol- [Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community

> TRANSPORTATION • Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips Tuesdays: Meljer, Kohl's, Target and

Shopping Center Market/Buseh's (alter-Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and idents. Stop by the Senior Center to regis-The senior bus goes to AMC 20 and Laurel scheduled are the second and fourth

Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

 Card Playing Join us for cards at the Senior Center, Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The an appointment if you plan to attend the schedule is as follows; Bridge, Wednesdays, fourth Monday blood pressure check by St. 12:15 to 3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and

Northville Senior Center has reserved tick- Concert and Dinner ets to various concerts throughout the sea-\$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Dinner on your own prior to the concert register. The Northyille Senior Center has created. Upcoming concerts include: Bach and is at the Deadwood Inn. Depart MAGS a directory of services available to senior Handel, Dec. 1; and Home for the Holidays at 4:30 p.m. Concert begains at 7 p.m. citizens. The directory includes informa- on Dec. 7. Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34. The cost per person is \$7, which

· Senior Drop-in Morning Volleyball (for co-ed adults 50 and up) Do you want to look young, think young,

and feel young? Get rid of that sedentary Recreation (248) 349-0203.

· Senior Water Aerobics Classes meet Mondays Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$55 for res-

SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND DAY TRIPS

 Pot Luck Luncheon from your home after 12 p.m. or the MAGS p.m. Bring your own table service, a dish Senior Center to register. to pass, and \$1. The Christmas polluck will be Dec. 18. The center will provide the main entree. Bring a \$5 gift if you. Tour wish to be included in the gift exchange.

Great Lakes Crossing

Thursday, Dec. 4, "Shop Till You MAGS parking lot at 9:30 a.m., leave Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; beginning—the mall at 3 p.m. Eat at the mall. The Pinechie on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 cost per person is \$4. Call the Senior Center for reservations.

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 13 for the transportation is \$4 payable to the son. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are Northville High School Holiday Concert. driver. Please call the Senior Center to Beach. Cost is \$999 per person, dou-

feeling. Come out and play volleyball. All campus of Oakland University, adorned levels of play are welcome. Held on most for its traditional holiday walk. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Shopping at Old World Canterbury Parks and Recreation Gym from 10:30 Village. Lunch at the "Kings Court Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. For more Castle" is on your own. Depart MAGS at in London, Ontario, Canada. Cost is Information, call the Northville Parks and 9 a.m. The cost per person is \$17. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

Held at the Senior Center on the third prizes. Depart MAGS at 4:30 p.m. The

on Thursday, Dec. 21. Depart MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Dinner on your own at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor. The cost Drop" at Great Lakes Crossing. Depart per person is \$6. Call the Senior Center

> . Dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea leave from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

• Nov. 27, Soaring Eagle and Cost, \$16 for residents.

Meadowbrook Christmas Walk. Visit Meadowbrook, a 100-room 1920s cra tudor mansion located on the eastern

 Christmas Party at Crystal Hotel Gardens

Celebrate the season at our at 9:45 a.m. and return approxi-Christmas party at Crystal Gardens in mately at 4:15 p.m. Southgate on Tuesday, Dec. 19 featuring Duane Malinowski and ballroom music. Supreme sit-down dinner (family Museum," ten days. Cost is \$1.649 style), Gifts for all. Numerous door Monday of every month, from noon to 1 cost per person is \$21. Stop by the

> · Domino Farms Christmas Light Domino Farms Christmas Light Tour

Professional Management pro- complete degree requirements in College. He is the son of George F.

Students are chosen annually along with courses in ethics, and a graduate of Novi High

. Nov. 29. The Rockettes and Lunch Come along Thursday, Dec. 14 for the Cost is \$90 for residents.

> • Dec. 1. Alpine Christmas, 8 days Cost is \$1,399 per person, double

• Dec. 6, Old Fashioned Christmas \$59 for residents.

• Dec. 6, Murder Mystery at Holly Cost is \$59 for residents. Depart

• Dec. 7. Costa Rica "Nature's per person, double occupancy.

. Dec. 8-9. Johnny Mathis in Chicago. Cost is \$239 per person, double occupancy.

Dec. 12-13, Christmas Time in Oglebay. Cost is \$199 per person, 

. Jan. 15-25, Marco Island. Cost is \$969 per person, double occupan-

· Jan. 25, "A Sentimental Journey" Join us for dinner at Baker's in at Kalloway's in Oxford. Depart at . Jan. 26-Feb. 5, Fort Myers

> ble occupancy. · Jan. 30, Greektown Casino.

Cost is \$26 (Incentive \$15 coin . March 18-23, Spring Training back and \$5 meal) for residents. with "The Tigers." Cost is \$929 per Depart 7 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. person, double occupancy.

business settings.

economics and management, and Cynthia B. Abel of Northville

Lynn Melton of Novi.

ematics. A High Honors Dean's List student, he is a member of Gamma Lambda Delta and has served in 2000. the v2 program, which mentors

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Engineering has awarded Joshua ment as a research assistant in a mechanical engineering; David Abel's Internship is an integral based on academic achievement internships in a wide range of Melton the A. Max and Susan S. study of Metabolic Flux Analysis, James Stroh, graduate school, part of Albion College's Carl A. and demonstrated leadership abil-Souby Scholarship. He is the son of Melton is coach/player for the master of science in mechanical Gerstacker Liberal Arts institute in ities. Gerstacker students must Abel is a junior at Albion ChemE/MechE joint intramural engineering. Alan Robert Prechtel, graduate

engineering.

Beta Phi honor society, Alpha local graduates from Summer doctor of philosophy.

Shuo Wang, graduate school,

Local student Andrew P. Abel is

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school, master of science degree in for the Gerstacker Institute writing, speaking and manage- School.



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# Tips for selling your home during the winter

This time of year I am asked almost daily as to whether or not Sellers should put their home on the market during the winter months or if they should wait until spring. The reality is, homes sell successfully ALL YEAR LONG! Sure it is true that there are less "shoppers" during the winter, but those who are out home hunting in the snow, sleet, hall and freezing

rain, are serious buyers. An advantage of winter home selling is that there is less competition. Due to a smaller inventory of product on the market, the offers that come in have the potential of being much more appealing. Simple laws of supply and demand are demonstrated here,

This does not mean that this is an opportunity to over-price your home. Even during the busy season, over-pricing your home can cost Many say that families don't want to move

children who are not school age; families with both locally and nationally. children in college; married couples with out National web sites are a wonderful means of children; single people; empty nesters). Keep in mind, however, due to the reduction cating to your area. Make sure the agent you money.

n "shoppers" mentioned earlier, it does take a choose will continuously advertise your home ittle longer to sell during the winter months. on TV as well as in the homes magazines. A This is an important fact to keep in mind while marketing program that insures continuous nterviewing real estate agents. Maximum exposure is even more critical at



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a time when the numbers of buyers are reduced. Here are some tips that will assist you in

property. Simply placing your home on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) is not enough. during the winter months, causing their chil- Granted, the MLS reaches the largest number may be true, we must realize that this is only realitors, but what about those pre-approved one group of potential prospects. There are buyers that chose not to work with a realtor, many who are ready, willing and able to move how will you reach them. In this age of techheir children to change schools; families with that will market your home on the Internet.

internet, TV and homes magazine advertising

reaching pre-approved buyers that are not ve working with a real estate agent. Once you have chosen the appropriate real estate agent, it is important to "stage" your home for sale. The holidays offer the perfect opportunity to show your home at its coziest. One way to achieve the warmth buyers like is

Gary

kitchen counters may heighten your homes warmth by adding simple color and fragrance. Attention given to your bathroom is also important. Decorate bathrooms with colorcoordinated lowels, rugs soaps and flower choosing an appropriate real estate agent. You arrangements. When staging the dining room you lime on the market while helping to sell must choose an agent that is willing to spend or breakfast nook, tables look particularly lower-priced, competing homes in your neight the money up from to properly market your attractive with a place setting and a complimentary centerpiece.

Do not overlook minor problems, and take care of small repairs. Minor issues such as a dren to change schools mid year. While this of pre-approved buyers that are working with torn window screen, smoke stains on the fireplace, dirty carpeting or leaky faucets may deter a prospects interest in your property. Little annovances considered all together during the winter (i.e. families with children in nology with more and more people surfing the can be overwhelming. Items like books, papers private schools where moving would not cause web, it is important that you seek a realtor and other clutter should always be out of sight This winter, price your home properly

to add decorative touches that create an invit-

door can create a warm welcome, while plac-

ing baskets of fruit, bread or potpourri on your

A floral arrangement placed near the front

choose an agent that will aggressively and con tiquously give your property maximum market reaching potential purchasers that are relo- exposure, and get ready to collect your

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ceremony at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon were Colleen Marie Ruzyski and Larry G. Conn Jr. Pastor Cy Smith officiated the

service; the bride was given in marriage by her father. Ceremonial music was provided by Dorothey Duensing and Michael Miller. The bride is the daughter of Pat

and Don Ruzyski of Northville, formerly of Novi. She is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School. Colleen received her associate's degree from Schoolcraft College in 1997, and is currently employed at GMAC. Attending the bride as maid of

honor was her twin sister. Kathleen Ruzyski, Bridesmalds were Elizabeth Ruzyski. Rachel Eastham, and Susan Krachie. Kelsi Andrews served as flower-The bridal gown was designed

flowergirl dress and basket were designed and made by the groom's mother. The groom is the son of Maggie and Larry Conn of Westland, for- bearer. merly of Wayne. He is a 1993

a full full-length skirt.

Ruzyski-Conn

employed with the United States sleeveless with a fitted waist and

Eric Conn was the attending All flower arrangements and the hest man. Groomsmen were Jamie Conn, Garry Conn, Tom Fraizer, and Justin Conn. Jr. Brandon Conn served as ring-

The couple took a Southern graduate of Wayne Memorial High Caribbean cruise for their honey-School and is currently attending

#### **50th Anniversary**

Joseph F. and Mary V. (Toms) Macura celebrated their 50th anniversary Sept. 2 by reaffirmation of their wedding vows originally exchanged Sept. 2, 1950 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Detroit. Their solemn vows were not only received in the same church, but also given by the same priest (now Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr.) Attending were the maid of honor and best man who served the couple in 1950. Following the ceremony, a

by their children at the Detroit Athletic Club. Joseph retired from Ford Motor Co, as manager of advance engine engineering. Mary is a homemaker and a retired secretary. They were both born in

reception was held in their honor

Their family members are: children, Sharon (W. Patrick) Dreisig of Bloomfield Hills and the late Steven Macura; granddaughter Jennifer (Chad) Leach of Whitmore Lake; two grandsons, daughter, Kaitlynn Leach and

Bloomfield Hills; great-grand- both of Whitmore Lake.



Mr. and Mrs. Macura

William J. and Neal P., both of great-grandson, Steven J. Leach,

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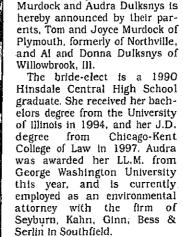
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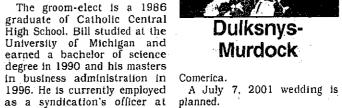
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Engagement

The groom-elect is a 1986 graduate of Catholic Central ligh School, Bill studied at the University of Michigan and earned a bachelor of sciencedegree in 1990 and his masters





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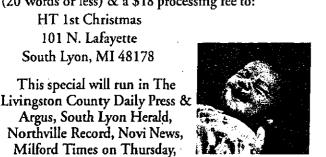
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# COMMUNITY FOCUS

# Trottin' for good causes

# Middle School walks to donate food to needy

Staff Writer

Novi Middle School students accelerated into the spirit of giving last week as they participated in the Ninth Annual Turkey Trot. Wednesday, November 22. Kicking off the event with a 2 K some the chance to win some raf-

[1.2 mile] walk, the annual turkey fled prizes, courtesy of area busitrot donated more than 1,700 cans of food items and over \$300 to the Novi Emergency Food Bank. "This is a great way to help those less fortunate and make sure that they have a good thanksgiving," said eighth grader Billy Morrison.

Over 850 students participated as they made their way around the the students were kept inside.

Apple Day

canned goods or donate \$2. This is a great way to After the walk and a congratulatory high-five from a special help those less fortuguest of honor, the students refueled with some eider and cookies

The event not only helped raise food and money for other families, but also raised awareness of good physical fitness.

before heading into the gym for

Team 7C was the top donating team in their school this year bringing in 362 cans. Thirteen-vear-olds Rodriguez and Cheisea Cracraft

needy, especially over the holidays," said Rodriguez. Cracraft said at the same time. outside, but due the cold weather, said they were proud to see so it helps you realize how lucky you mail many students get involved and are and to reflect upon the things sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

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Both girls said they were thankful for their family and friends as well as being on the pom-pon squad. For eighth graders Anthony Stebila and Eric Deighton, they too were thankful for good friends

Stebila said the Turkey Tro really helped kindle the share of "This is a fun charity event that

and family, along with good

lending a hand to those who are less fortunate," he said. writer for the Novi News. Her e

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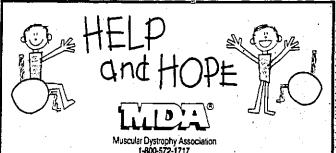
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Good Bye Vietnam

on my mom's mind was leaving for were caught you might go to jail for

America. My mom had heard many life! My mom was very afraid that it

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One dark warm night in South

Vietnam, my mom and aunt

grabbed their belongings and

rushed out to their awaiting boat. It

was way past midnight. The streets

were as crowded as the weekday

having fun. The only thing that was

also leaving her mom and dad. My

aunt was only 11 years old. There

**Authors** 

stories about America and how great might happen. Then the boat went it would be. Still, my morn had to see into gear. The boat sailed off to the it for herself to believe it. My morn open sea. Her fears started to float and aunt were very nervous about away as the boat got farther away the trip. To calm their fears down, from land. My mom was very afraid my mom thought about how life and sad. She did not know whether could be better in America. At this she would survive or not. Also, she time, it was illegal to leave the coun- was sad because she was leaving her try forever. That's why my mom and native land. The boat was very small aunt had to sneak on the boat. A cit- compared with any ship. One day izen of Vietnam owned the boat and passed by as they were still alive. another citizen drove the boat. My They stopped at every island to refu-

mom had to pay a small fee to get a el and stock up on food. The boat Then my mom and aunt got on the bus. Off they went to their awaiting `ly crowded. Some people already got boat. It was quite a distance from my and aunt got seasick. They were mom's house to the boat. The disreally tired and worried that they tarice was about 100 miles. My mom could not sleep at all. Now she was would die. Then suddenly they had saw land. When they departed the wide awake and ready to leave Vietnam. With crowded streets and small roads, my mom and aunt getting shot down. mom was only 22 years old and my

searching for illegal people that were to teach my mom and aunt shocked eyes. She couldn't Novi.

ready for their trip to America. ship, they soon found out that it Then they boarded a plane and a safe and successful to trip to was Malaysia. My mom and aunt off they went to America. Now the America. Now when I think of my arrived after five long hours. She was were very fortunate to reach land only thing they could hope for mom, I am filled with respect without meeting any storms or was a safe plane ride to America. and admiration. Twenty long hours had passed by Now my mom's worries were and now the plane was getting

John Ho is a seventh grader in gone. The Malaysians were very ready to land. As my mom peered Ms. Beth Little's language arts kind people and they were willing out the window, she looked in class at Novi Middle School in

# Meet the parents during the holidays

## De Niro, Stiller score big as they meet for the first time as future family members

Meet the Parents MPAA Rating: PG-13 Now playing Strongly Recommended

By Jennifer Norris STAFF WRITER

In this tale of comedy, the cast of Meet the Parents is brought to life with the wit of actors Robert Danner, Teri Polo and Owen Wilson. Meet the Parents offers a humorous look at the familiar initial awkwardness at meeting future in-laws.

Stiller, who plays the role of Greg Focker, a down-to earth male nurse, has fallen in love with Polo's character of Pam Byrnes. After Stiller learns the potential father-in-law requires

De Niro, Ben Stiller, Blythe parental consent in order for Stiller to marry his daughter, Stiller and Polo head off to the parent's home where all the zany lines of dialogue and multiple uneasy moments unfold.

From the moment Stiller steps inside the front door, the hopeful groom is anxious to please and make a good impression. However, as the conversation progresses between Stiller and De Niro, the two delve deeper into comical misunderstanding and facetious wisecracks.

Even with the unending support and encouragement from his girlfriend and mom's approval, Stiller just can't seem to stop putting his foot in his mouth when speaking to De Niro.

Verbal pitfalls aren't the only problem facing Stiller. Around the house, Stiller constantly finds himself in the middle of a crisis.

While each disaster that plagues the Byrnes' household is cleverly filmed and ranks high for laughter appeal, the number of calamities he faces over a brief time span is difficult to imagine. Among the disasters Stiller has

family's clothing since the airline lost his luggage, knocking over and shattering an urn filled with grandma's ashes, inadvertently setting a relative's wedding present on fire, losing the family cat, and somehow the septic tank underground mysteriously backs

Not only does Stiller seem branded as a bad luck charm, other family members constantly taunt him about his profession as a nurse and his character's last

As the tension and miscommunication mounts between Stiller and the rest of the Byrnes' family. he doubts if he will ever be able to win the respect and permission needed to marry Polo.

Meet the Parents is a comedypacked movie, filled with wisecracks, jabs, and never-ending

# Parents



Although the amount of calami- anxiety in meeting the parents.

ties Stiller is involved in steps

beyond the normal scope within a

brief weekend time span, the

movie offers viewers a familiar

foothold by looking at the com-

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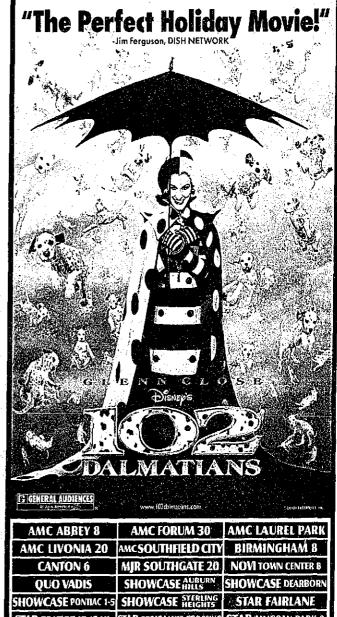
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# Clawing their way to the top



Junior Mustang forward Peter Klausier takes a shot during preseason practice.



Northville's goal keeper Jon McClory warms up during a preseason practice.

# Four Wildcats make All-Area for the soccer team of 2000

For the first time in quite a while, HomeTown's East division had a district soccer champion other than Novi or Northville.

That's good news for those up in Milford, who saw their team knock off Clarkston — in a shootout — to win the district, then gave stateranked Midland Dow all it could handle in the regional.

As for Novi and Northville, their seasons ended in the district finals, where the Wildcats fell to Brighton and the Mustangs lost to eventual state champion Brother Rice. No shame in either case.

Like Milford, Lakeland and South Lyon both played under first-year coaches in Mark Janssen and Tracee Senter. And both teams showed marked improvement. Lakeland was, literally, twice as good in every statistical category from the previous season. And with a roster comprised mostly of underclassmen, the Eagles look like they'll no longer be anyone's pushover.

South Lyon, once players and coach became acclimated, proved that it could play with anyone in the league. The Lions beat Brighton once, tled the Bulldogs on another occasion.

The following players, so responsible for their teams' various successes, make up our all-area soccer team.

#### Sean Thompson

If it seems like Thompson's been

around forever, well he has. Almost. Thompson is a three-year letter-winner who contributed to the 'Cats 1998 state championship, but led the team as a sen-

He scored three goals and assisted on 10 others, earning himself a spot on the All-KVC first team. In leading Novi to the district final, he also was voted to the all-district and all-region squads. Finally, the state recognized him as a member of its honorable-men-

"He was our MVP because he ould control and possess the ball better than any player on our team," his coach Brian O'Leary said. "He worked incredibly hard in practice and did the same in the games and yet he never missed a

#### Nick Slovan

He and his partner in net P.J. Calandro were flawless in over half of their team's games this year, combining for 13 shutouts in 20

Slovan allowed nine goals in 10 games, many of which were against Novi's top opponents. He had five shutouts in those contests. Slovan was one of six Wildcats to earn all KVC firstteam honors.

"When he was healthy, he had the ability to win soccer games for this team," O'Leary said. "Nick has the ability to save balls that leave you shaking your head wondering how he did that, P.J. was a vital asset to the team. When Nick was hurt, we didn't miss a beat."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Chris Schleuder tries to beat a Walled Lake opponent to the ball during a matchup.

Tim Kelleher

Northville senior His numbers aren't always

indicative of what Kelleher means to his team out on the field. The senior is a four-year letter-winner who earned all-state honors for his efforts this season.

The senior midfielder scored nine goals and was named to the all-district and all-regional squads en route to his third-team all-state honor. Playing in perhaps the best soccer conference in the state of Michigan, Kelleher earned his second-consecutive spot on the Western Lakes Activities Western Association first team (12 players

selected from among 12 schools). "He's got some tough shoes to fill," his coach Henry Klimes said. "Our team plays well when Timmy plays wel

He's still considering his college choices, which include both Michigan and Michigan State.

#### Eric Bitell Northville senior

It's common knowledge that scoring goals are important. But playing sound defense is of equal importance and it's hard to find someone who understood that more than Northville sweeper Eric Bitell. The senior was a three-year starter in the heart of the Mustangs' defense, and helped the team to its stellar defensive efforts in 2000. With Bitell in the middle, Northville allowed just 22 goals all season long.

He was an all-division selection in the Western Lakes and went on to earn all-district, all-region and honorable-mention all-state honors. He is considering continuing his soccer career at the University of Michigan or Madonna.

Jon McClory Northville senior

"He was a tremendous part of our success this year," said his coach.

That's the truth.

McClory started all but one game for the 10-6-3 Mustangs. In the teams' 20 games this scason. their opponents scored 22 goals. Northville's worst defeats of the season came to Plymouth Salem and Novi, both by scores of 2-0. McClory kept his team in close losses to Stevenson (1-0) and eventual state champion Brother Rice

"When your team has a breakdown, you have to have this kind of goaltending," Klimes said. "He's one of the best technical goalies I've ever coached.

#### Chris Immel

Milford senior Chris was the spark tha turned things around for us," Redskins coach Larry Lorenz said of his senior midfielder. "He was a team captain and a real leader. Chris is a tireless worker who could play the entire game at midfield. I rarely had to substitute for him. He has excellent ball-handling skills and is very fast."

Immel was named Milford's Player of the Year. He was an alidistrict and all-conference selec-

#### Adam Kowalczyk

Milford senior With Kowalczyk and fellow team captain Chris Immel at midfield,

"He has great ball skills," Milford coach Larry Lorenz said. "He's quick, an excellent passer and moves well. He and Chris could overlap and switch offensively and defensively. Adam was our most skilled player at trapping the ball he could control difficult pass-

Continued on 2



Photo by JOHN HEIDER A Northville and Novi player fight for the puck in a matchup

# Mustangs put Milford on ice, 3-2

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

Any time a team comes off a tough loss against a rival, the response from players for the following game is tops on a coach's mind. The Mustang hockey team answered a lot of questions for both Brad O'Neill and itself by beating Milford 3-2 Friday night.

Northville jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period, courtesy of goals scored by junior center Tim Hillebrand and senior right wing Rob Ryan. Hillebrand wormed his way around a Milford defender to put his shot in net, while Ryan pulled a bit of wraparound trickery to beat the goaltender.

The 'Stangs had 14 first-period

shots to the Redskins' six. We had a lot of offensive chances in this one." O'Neill sald. "I thought that from that standpoint, we played much better than we had against Novi."

"We had a gameplan for this matchup and we stuck to it."

> Brad O'Neill head coach, Northville Mustangs hockey

That comfort gap diminished a bit in the second period, when Milford's Darren Terry took advantage of a miscue in Northville's transition game and made the Mustangs pay for it on a two-on-one break down the ice to put one on the board for the

"We got caught and they made the most of it," O'Neill said.

Scoring would remain idle through the remainder of the second period and early into the third, until Milford was able to make the most of Northville's having two players in the penalty box. The five-on-three advantage proved to be too much, and Terry once again came through for Milford, evening the score at

But the orange and black fought back, courtesy of tough defense and crisp passing. With 3:30 remaining in the third stanza, senior defenseman Mike Stewart ripped a shot off from the point, which got some help from a bad deflection, and eased its way behind the pipes.

"We had a gameplan for this matchup and we stuck to it," O'Neill said. "We moved the puck much better than we had before, and that created the kind of offensive chances you need to

win games. Northville's defense was not only strong out on the open ice, but also in net, where sophomore goaltender David Ely-Bond

stopped 17 of the Redskins' 19

"We didn't have as many turnovers as we had before, and I was really happy with our passing game." O'Neill said. "Our defense, though, was the key to this game, not only from an individual standpoint but also our play as a team."

O'Neill said putting 30-plus shots on the opposition in the same game where 20 or fewer are allowed was often a formula for a victory.

The Mustangs will now go on the road to face Plymouth Canton this Saturday at 6 p.m. in the first league matchup of the season.

"[Canton] has improved quite a bit from last year," O'Neill said. "We'll have to put in several good practices to be ready for them."

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

last season

#### Ahead of the pack...

# **All-Area Cross Country**



Next week, watch for boys and girls All-Area cross country as the Novi News names the top runners in the KVC

# All-Area soccer picks named

Chris Schleuder

His coach called him the most

important player on the 17-3-1

Novi roster. He made the jobs of

Nick Slovan and P.J. Calandro

much easier with his play in the

or not playing, we didn't have any-

one else who could do that,

For his efforts, he was rewarded

A team co-captain, Janssen, a

junior, excelled for the Eagles at

Janssen was named Lakeland's

top playmaker and most valuable

player. He was named to both the

Individual drills will be given to

increase proper mechanics,

with all-KVC and all-district hon-

Novi senior

sweeper position.

Kris Janssen

midfield.

Lakeland junior

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Milford's best all-around player Kowalczyk was an all-district and all-conference pick.

Mike Crawford

Novi junior Another one of the works of art ereated through the "Novi soccersystem." Crawford asserted himself as not only one of Novi's best players, but one of the best players in the KVC.

Crawford played defensive midfield last year, but moved up to an offensive midfield slot this season. When Brandon Davis went down to a season-ending injury midway through the year, Crawford stepped in and performed briliantly at the forward position.

"Compare him to other forwards in the area and I bet his stats are still better even though he played only half the season at the posi-He led the conference champi-

ons with 14 goals and nine assists at the forward position. He was a first-team all-league selection, and earned all-district, all-region and all-conference and all-district nonorable-mention all-state hon- teams

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Jon McClory	Northville	Senior	
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Adam Kowalczyk	Milford	Senior	
Jonathan Hernandez	South Lyon	Senior	
Kris Janssen	Lakeland	Junior	
Chris Schleuder	Novi	Senior	
Sean Thompson	Novi	Senior	
Mike Crawford	Novi	Junior	
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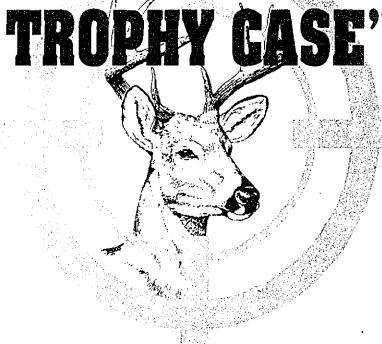
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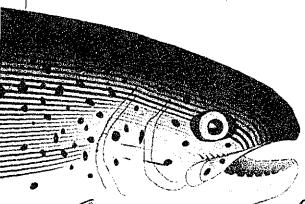
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INSIDE THE KVC

# Adaption key to Milford's basketball success

A perennial contender in the KVC, Milford must replace four stalwart players and one anterior cruciate ligament from last year's opposite direction. team. Only three Redskins players have varsity experience. But coach Don Palmer isn't phased.

experience," he said. "How soon these kids adapt to varsity ball will team. You challenge them, and see if they'll respond.' Milford will have a chance to

respond early. The December sophomore Jim Presley - the team's one legitimate post player, Central, which has 6'9" sentor Mark defending KVC champion.

to press these teams.

press," Palmer said. "This team might never get a rebound." Therefore, Milford may go in the "We may have to play a halfcourt

"We're somewhat small and lack end," Palmer sald, tell the tale. I don't mind a young Senior Mike Crowley was the start- big, as he's one of the most natutearing his ACL in March. Palmer

schedule is brutal. Playing without good. Bortz, then go to Brighton, which have to play some zone to protect has 6'10" junior Chris Grimm, then him."

"But you have to rebound to

game - slow it up. keep the score at the end." down so we have a chance at the Milford finds its most experienced players on the perimeter.

former self. Which is still pretty Mike passes the ball well. He's a some last year when Crowley was and senior Pat Phillips, who isn't recovering from a broken wrist suf-real smart player. He's one of our hurt. He's looked pretty good so afraid to battle inside or sacrifice bang and rebound down low, and fered during football season — the few experienced kids, so he's gonna far. Ryan's very athletic, he has an his body out on the floor. Redskins open up at Walled Lake play. He won't be explosive off the explosive first step. He seems more dribble and sometimes we may comfortable with his game."

Mehal, a 6'1" senior, finds some varsity over the course of last sea-

"We may have to play a halfcourt game - slow it up so we have a chance

> Don Palmer Milford bball coach

ing point guard last season before rally gifted players in the KVC. "This is Ryan's third year on varsays he's about 70 percent of his sity," Palmer said. "He's been bounced around over his career. He's a forward, but started out as a point guard and played there

our best perimeter shooter," center, but he's still in a cast. Palmer said, "He had a good summer. Hopefully that will translate Christmas break," Palmer said. into this winter.

Plummer, a senior who got some presence in the post. starts last season. "He's a very competitive athlete," Palmer said, "He's a good penetra-

iunior Dave Gilbert, a spot-up three-point shooter who could see Rukstello, a 6'1" senior who plays

tor and ball-handler."

and strong at 5'9". Backcourt depth is provided by see time."

If the ball were thrown up today, Palmer said Jason Brown, a 6'2" dribble, but needs to improve his Junior Chad Libby should start junior forward, would be in the defense.

"Hopefully he'll be back before "He's 6'1", 6'2", real strong and The third guard is senior Keith leaps well. He gives us a physical

Tim Adams, a 6'4" senior, is Milford's tallest player. "He played J.V. last year, with the idea that he could help us as Junior Matt Marinucci will see a senior," Palmer said. "He's tall, minutes at guard because he's but can shoot the three, which such a good athlete, very quick makes him hard for the typical

The other forwards are Steve minutes against zone defenses, physical rebounds and defends, new coach, while Pinckney is the Jeff Long, a 6'0" junior who can Josh Williams, a 6'0" three who can shoot and take the ball off the

"Chad's a pretty good shooter. Presley would be the starting Charlie Christner back and Grimm having really improved. "Toward the end of the season they were playing lots of underclassmen," Palmer said. And those underclassmen beat

Milford at the end of the year

Palmer said Novi - South Lyon coach Daren Clayton's choice as the league favorite - could be right there, as well. "They played two sophomore guards last year," Palmer said. "Their J.V. won the league. I'm

not sure what that means, but it post player to defend. He could can't be a bad thing.' Palmer said Hartland has some of the league's best talent, and a

great unknown. "They could come in and be very good, like the girls' team. But who

Stephen Bell is the sports editor in the backcourt along with starting lineup. Like Libby, he Palmer thinks Milford will fit for The Milford Times and The host South Lyon, the two-time. This could be the year that Ryan. Crowley. He was off and on the was impressive over the summer. somewhere in the middle of the South Lyon Herald. He can be "He can play inside and he can KVC race. He considers Brighton reached at (248) 573-1507 or by

# Previous championships gives South Lyon cagers an edge

By STEPHEN BELL

for South Lyon — a program with Brighton has the best player in the set — juntor David Flynn at point improved so much and he has lot of threes. We'll still two conference championships and one district championship the Grimm. last two seasons - the song remains the same.

and 12 juniors," South Lyon coach Daren Clayton said, "I'm really

group," Clayton said. "One, they trolled the boards in our scrimare full of personality and fun to be mages," Clayton said. court. Two, they are very intellithan 45 points a game. No team in man camps. He can use both gent. Drills that took past teams the KVC puts on the pressure with hands and is a real threat around awhile to understand, they've got- as much tenacity as the Lions. ten in 15 minutes. They're atten-

A third-consecutive title is no South Lyon's penchant, with a season his game might not be. mean task. Novi's J.V. team is even lead, for pulling teams out, then "P.J.'s special to me," Clayton better, Milford is a perennial con- driving. The voices are largely new. But tender and had a strong summer. Two of the starting positions are varsity as a freshman. This guy's league in 6'10" junior Chris guard and Kern at power forward.

ble objectives which, if met, could He's the team captain. "We have four quality seniors make them the class of the league: • Lead the KVC in rebounding, A er," Clayton said, "He's very alhlet- Adam Vedrode, a 6'2" junior, and number of times last year South ic, a great rebounder. He's learned Stu Utley, a 6'0" junior. They proexcited about the juniors, who Lyon was outrebounded, but still to use his weight and strength on vide the team two different talwere eighth-graders when I got the managed to win. There's no excuse the hoards." There will once again ents. this season, as there is more size be a Flynn at the point, where That group went 15-4 last year than on any of Clayton's previous David succeeds brother Pat. in junior varsity competition. The teams. In the frontcourt at any juniors come in expecting to excel. given time there could be players Since entering high school, all 6'5," 6'3" and 6'2". And that's not Clayton said. they've seen is excellence from the even counting the team's best rebounder, 6'1" senior Tony Kern.

"I'm proud of how we've con-• Hold opponents to no more his game, he's gone to some big 6'2" senior. 70 percent foul shooting.

Kern saw significant playing time has become an offensive threat shoot them but we'll Still, the Lions have three tangi- last season up front for the Lions. and is a tremendous post defend-

> "Tony's a very strong post play-"David's a tremendous ball-handler and a great decision-maker,"

mentally tough. He's not afraid of The center position will be anyone. He has the toughness to manned by Matt Friel, a 6'3" jun- guard anyone." ior, and P.J. Ingles, a 6'5" senior. "Matt's a great kid," Clayton said. "He's worked very hard on 6'0" junior, and Mike Grihorash, a "Mike is a strong offensive play-

said. "My lirst year, he was on the "In the past, we shot a developed into a team leader. He er. I'm really proud of his growth." also try to get the ball At the wing forward there is inside a lot more.'

"Adam is a complete offensive He gives us speed and hustle. And player," Clayton said. "He's a leadership. That's the main great outside shooter, he can thing." drive and he can post up. "Stu is "I feel we can go 10 deep," Clayton said. "There's no superstar, no one we have to get the ball Joining those two on the wings to every time down the court. We

are guards Jamie Gasparella, a should have a balanced attack." Looking to get in the rotation are juntor Tim Babb, an outstanding athlete; junior Steve er." Clayton said. "He's a good Campbell, a left-handed, team-Ingles is a four-year varsity yet- to the basket. He has a knack for a versatile player capable of con- e-mail

injury in mid-January; junior Matt Naudi, a forward who plays hard, all over the floor; junior guard Aaron Nelson, a fine threepoint shooter; junior Josh Rhoad. another outside threat; junior Drew Wallace, who can get you with his pull-up jumper; and senior guard Brian Galezynski. "Brian has nearly a perfect atti-

Daren Clayton tude," Clayton said, "With his South Lyon bball coach sportsmanship, his citizenship, ie inspires the team to do better. While pressure defense and mental toughness have become hallmarks of the program, South Lyon will look a little different offensively, given its size. "In the past, we shot a lot of threes," Clayton said. "We'll still

shoot them, but we'll also try to

get the ball inside a lot more." Stephen Bell is the sports editor for The South Lyon Herald and The Milford Times. He can be three-point shooter and a slasher oriented guard; junior Mike Dear. reached at (248) 573-1507 or by

Joe Godair of South Lyon, pagged this beautiful Antelope in Wyoming this year. Paul Lewis of Novi, shot his first buck. A 13 pointer on opening **Congratulations Joe!** day near Harrison, MI. Good job-Congratulations! Lisa Steinbach of South Lyon took this 11 pt. on Nov. 15. She also took an 8 pt. 1 hour earlier that same morning. HomeTown Classified at: For Information On How To Get Your 1-888-999-1288 Photograph In The Trophy Case Call (Size of photo depends on number of entries)

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# Stroke survivors gaining strides with new therapy

offers therapy that helps stroke patients regain use of weakened

Some stroke survivors at the University of Michigan are getting back control of their weakened arms, hands and legs months or years after their stroke, with the help of an unconventional therapy based on new knowledge about the brain's ability to overcome damage.

Instead of giving up on some stroke patients' weakened limbs, a U-M Health System team is challenging them to use their "bad" side by temporarily hampering their "good" side - essentially making the brain rewire the nerve connections that control the muscles.

The approach, available at only a handful of centers around the country, is called constraintinduced therapy, or CIT. It's based on recent discoveries that a strokedamaged brain may indeed be able to recover some lost control, via repeated use of the limbs left limp by the stroke.

The U-M's CIT regimen covers the "good" limb with a glove for two weeks, causing the patients to use their impaired sides in everyday activities and therapy. Usual stroke rehabilitation therapy mostly focuses on the unaffected limb and helping the patient adapt to one-handed techniques.

Sharon McDowell M.D., a member of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation who works with therapists at the UMHS MedRehab clinic, said chronic stroke survivors who have responded to CIT have returned to caring for themselves, driving and

working. "CIT seems to give really good results for a lot of patients even when they're pretty far out from the injury," McDowell said. "I've had patients who are 5 to 10 years out, have never been able to use their right arm, and CIT has helped them start to use it again, and they're very thankful. It's exciting because we see these dramatic results, yet we still don't understand how it works."

Since stroke is a leading cause of serious disability, rehabilitation experts are intrigued by CIT's promise. More than 730,000 Americans suffer strokes each

Rewiring a damaged brain: U-M year, and half a million of them survive with significant physical or mental effects. The cost of their care and lost productivity runs in the billions. CIT, which McDowell estimates could help 10 to 20 percent of stroke survivors, could make a big impact on helping patients return to their pre-stroke activities

McDowell's approach to CIT is somewhat similar to techniques used at the University of Alabama, where last summer researchers reported good results from a small trial. But the U-M program, started in 1999, is not as lengthy or as intense, and is covered by most insurance companies as part of rehabilitation. It's aimed at those who had their strokes more than

six months before. All CIT, McDowell explained, is based on recent scientific findings that challenge conventional thought about how the brain and body's network of muscle-controlling nerves respond to damage caused when a stroke interrupts blood flow to parts of the brain.

"The prevailing medical belief has been that the brain and the central nervous system are hardwired from one part of the brain to one part of the body," she said. "So, when somebody had a stroke that affected the left side of the brain and caused the right arm and leg to become weak, the focus for rehabilitation was to support the right arm so that patients wouldn't get pain syndromes or experience a dropping of the shoulder. Then, we would teach the left hand to take over functions, even for people who are right-handed."

But with new knowledge about the brain's ability to work around a problem - a property known as plasticity - CIT is gaining attention, "It turns out that your brain does adapt to the changing environmental stimulation around you, and it seems to adapt in a number of ways," McDowell said, who began studying plasticity in the early 1990s at Temple University in Philadelphia, has taught other physicians how to

use the therapy.

She and the U-M therapists help patients use their brains' plasticity by hampering their "good" hand with a cloth and mesh cover that

Facts about stroke and constraint-induced therapy:

 Stroke hits one American every minute, for a total of approximately 730,000 new or recurrent strokes each year. It is a leading cause of disability in the United States.

• The total cost of stroke to the United States is estimated at about \$43 billion per year, including direct costs for medical care and therapy (\$28 billion) and indirect costs of lost productivity and other factors (\$15 bil-

· Constraint-induced therapy was originally developed at the University of Alabama at Birmingham based on research by scientists there and in Germany.

makes it impossible to grasp, point or grip. Some patients compare it to an oven mitt or a boxing glove.

Patients wear the constraint for two weeks, for 23 hours a day, and keep a log of what they are able to do with their weak limb. On three days of those weeks, they come to the U-M for two-hour physical therapy and occupational therapy sessions. They also participate in six group sessions with other patients who are also undergoing CIT, doing practical things like playing cards and making cookies. The U-M also offers other types of post-stroke rehabilitation, aimed at everything from recovering patients, as shown by tests conducted before and after they begin CIT. Patient Robert Callsen, for example, is recovering well from a 1999 stroke because of CIT and other theraptes.

"My left side was completely paralyzed and I was bedridden," he said. "Now, I've come this far that I've been able to open the hand and do different things with it. I'm able to drive and get around, and this program has enabled me to use my left hand more than ever."

As effective as CIT seems to be, its exact mechanism isn't clear. "There are a lot of theories around from different fields of medicine. and also from the study of learning," McDowell said. "Some of the theories suggest that there's another part of the brain that can control motor function that is uncovered with practice. Another theory is that the brain starts to change and mold, with regrowth of neurons into new areas of the brain.

A third idea is based on the way learning takes place in the brain, by the repetition of actions that

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are either encouraged by outside forces, or the lack of repetition of discouraged actions.

"This model says that even though some of the brain may start to recover after a stroke. If the patient has learned through positive reinforcement to use the good arm, and through negative reinforcement to not use the weak arm, we need to retrain the person to try to use the arm, to exercise it, and to develop coordination again," McDowell explained.

Whatever the cause, CIT researchers think the therapy is not suited for rebuilding muscle control from nothing - it's best if there's some glimmer of movement to start from.

But McDowell said, even spasticity can be treated with the help of medications, electrical stimulation and other treatments, to try to uncover hidden voluntary movement. Others with coordination problems can also benefit. Besides stroke, she is seeing good results in CIT patients who have suffered a traumatic brain injury, or who have post-amputation pain or dystonia, a neurological disorder that causes involuntary muscle move-

Concluded McDowell, "This isn't a program for everyone, but I don't recommend people rule it out without seeing a physician to evaluate them for movement and spastici-

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There is a \$20 fee. Registration is

This course is intended for those 12 and over who will be baby-sitting independently. Instruction on basic baby-sitting skills including child and home safety, first aid and child care will be covered. The class will be one session.

#### Oct. 19, 7-8 p.m. "Pre-Marriage Classes"

Couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. Individuals will be issued a certificate as proof of participation in this class. A certificate is valid indef-

Registration is required. A fee of \$25/couple: \$15 single. Held at Novi

#### Oct. 26, 7 p.m. "Latest Advances in Exercise for Low

This free lecture/demonstration is for all individuals interested in preventing low back pain, especially

those with pain that interferes with daily living, sports or occupation. Registration is required.

#### Disorder Support Group Second and fourth Thursdays of

every month at 7 p.m. For adults with attention deficit disorder. Mutual support for members and their family.

This free program will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road at Taft Road, Northville. For information, call (734) 427-5692 or (248) 553-2923.

#### · Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday and Thursday at Free program. Novi Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362 for information.

#### Cancer Support Group

A free program for adult cancer patients and significant others. First and Third Tuesday of every month, from 6:30-8 p.m. Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

#### • (MDDA) Manic Depressive -Depressive Association of Metro Detroit

First and third Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. Free class. Call (248) 960-1288 for more

information. This free program will be held at Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at

#### Haggerty), Novi. Menopause Support Group First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. This free program will be held at 47601 Grand River Ave.,

For more information, call (248) 424-3348.

#### Overcaters Anonymous

Free program, meets every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Park; Providence Medical Center. address above.

Two helplines: (248) 424-5342 or (248) 474-9456.

#### • Parents Supporting Parents Fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Free program.

Those coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death. At the Grand River address as

given. Call (248) 424-5342 or (248)

685-7596 for more information.

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designed this 90-minute program to deliver total health through balancing and strengthening of every system in the body in order to prevent illness, injury and limiting the effects of aging. Club members fee is \$12 per session and non-members fee is \$15 per session. Packages are available. Class times are Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information or to sign up. Private classes are available.

#### FREE FOOT SCREENINGS

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to I p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand South River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### SURGICAL PREPARATION

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no

Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

#### WEIGHT ON THE RUN

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available.

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

#### CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Health Oakland County Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics

#### are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights: head-to-toe physical vision, hearing and lab testing: growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3341; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

#### HEALTHY SOLUTIONS SEMI-NARS

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.n. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

#### HOT FLASH STUDY Women who suffer from multiple

daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Providence Medical Center-

Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center. For more information call (248)

#### FOOD ALLERGY COUNSELING Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a

Botsford Hospital professional.

380-4225.

The fee is \$30. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

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